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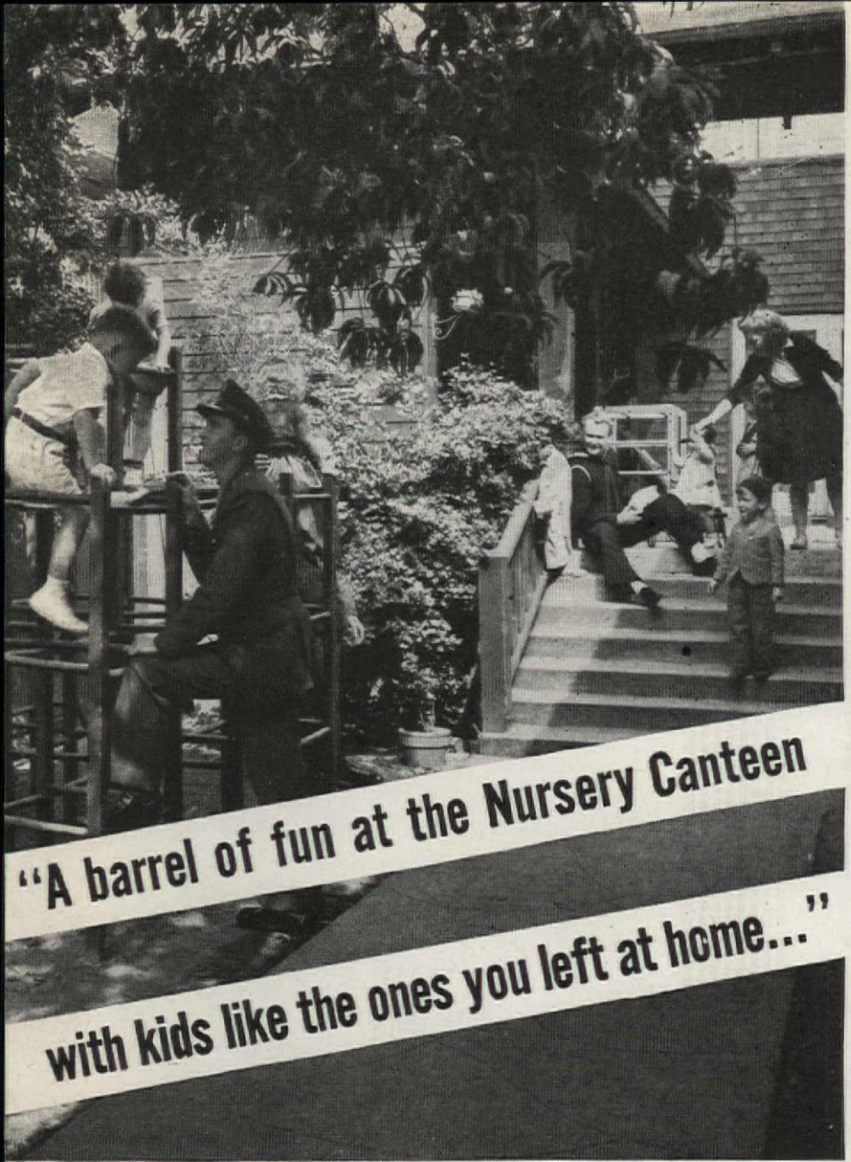
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"A barrel of fun at the Nursery Canteen with kids like the ones you left at home..."



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This is not as silly as it sounds. Servicemen have Stage Door Canteens, U.S.O. Clubs, traveling camp show groups liberally spiced with feminine allure, attractions offered them to satisfy their craving for the pleasures of the normal civilian. This does not ease the equally normal craving of many men for the warm contact with little children

HERE'S an incident from the files of a U.S.O. Club. A soldier went up to the information desk and hemmed and hawed and blushed and stammered until he finally blurted out that he was father of a three months' old baby girl he had never seen—his first child—and he would love to hold a three months' old baby girl in his arms. He got a three months' old baby girl to hold. Later, a woman I know told me of a nursery school mothers' meeting she had been to, attended by quite a number of servicemen's wives, where the topic of discussion was how a program might be started to employ high school boys to play with their children so that their youngsters could at least have some of the masculine roughhouse they were missing. This *could* work. Many adolescent boys unashamedly get a great kick out of little children, and, if for no other reason than the fact that pay would demand it of them, they would get over their natural teen age self-consciousness enough to play with young-

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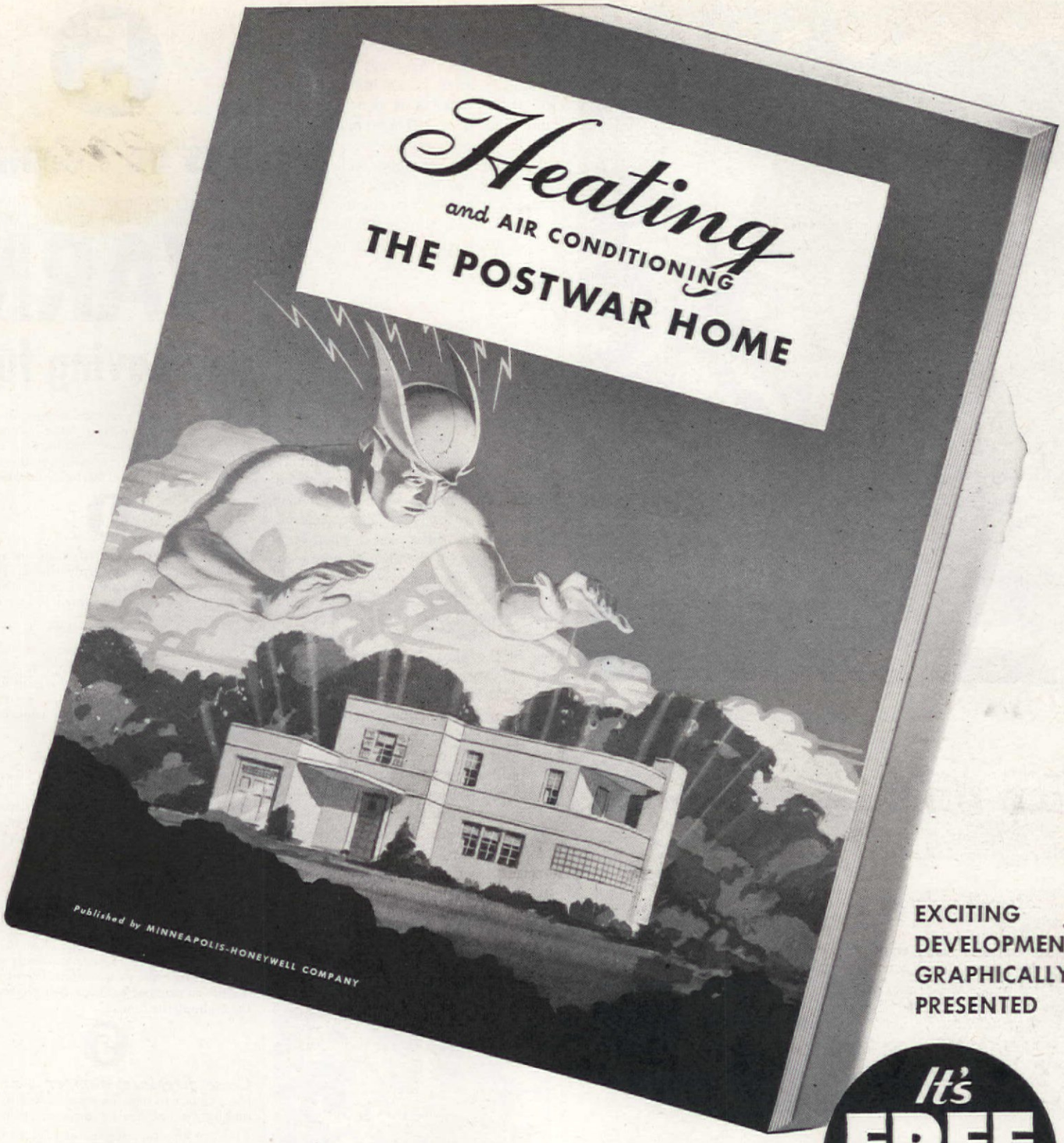
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sters under the pleasant supervision of trained nursery school teachers.

But why not give the little kids the real thing? Why not admit that "child hunger" is as important an emotional lack as is dancing, girls, and "hot dogs"? There must be in service a cool million or more fathers, lonely for the child they've left behind or like our U. S. O. soldier, eager to find out about children.

Why not a Nursery School Canteen? With the draft taking more fathers, there will be many more child-hungry servicemen and many more father-hungry babies. Maybe the idea would work. It wouldn't hurt to try it. Army and Navy chaplains, the Red Cross, U.S.O. hostesses could be asked to pass the word around among the lonely servicemen fathers. Gay posters might attract the possible uniformed customers that word of mouth advertising missed. Why not raise some funds for food? Nursery school youngsters are crazy about eating with adults. Offer servicemen the opportunity to spend idle hours of their leaves in nursery schools. Men who love children can't help enjoying spontaneous entertainment a nursery school affords, or resist joining in the play. The trusting gift of an old toy from a grimy hand, or a confident little body all full of friendliness crawling into a lap, would do the lonely paternal serviceman a world of good—what's more, it would give many of the kids something fundamental they are missing.

This was brought home to me recently by one of those vivid, tragic, brave, and noble incidents the war brings closer and closer to each of us. Jill has been married four years now and has two sons, one two and a half, the other six months. I knew Jill's husband Matt had received an



officer's commission and was in special training across the continent, so I thought that I might be of help as well as offering comfort if I called.

As I might have expected, Jill was the same clear-eyed, forthright young modern woman that she had grown up to be, able to take tragedy and loneliness without faltering in the daily business of living or losing the courage to face with reason the burdens war had imposed on her. Shortly after I arrived, the baby began to broadcast from his nursery, unmistakable vocal demands, that it

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1

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2

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3

Don't air out house too frequently. When you do, lower thermostat to 50 degrees while windows are open. There's no point in trying to heat the great outdoors!

4

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5

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You can effect even greater savings in fuel—at no great expense—by installing weather stripping on all windows and doors. Still better, install weather-stripped storm sash on windows and doors. And naturally, be sure your heating system is clean and properly adjusted for maximum efficiency.

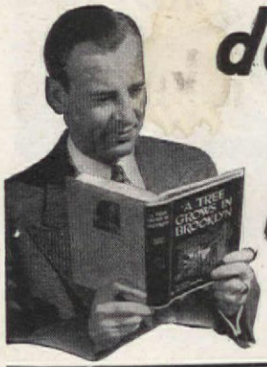
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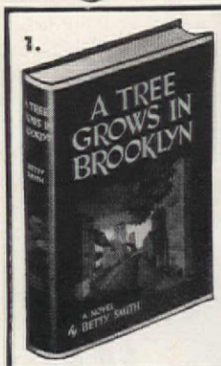
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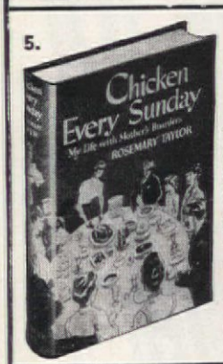
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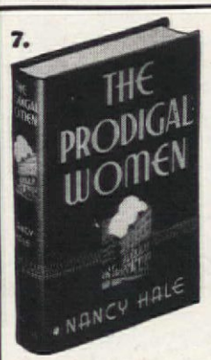
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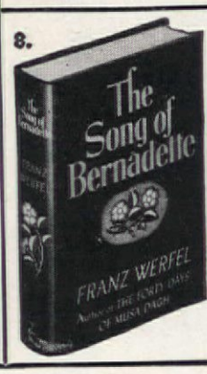
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After the telephone conversation, Jill made a social cup of tea, and I followed her about as she went on with her tasks with a lighter heart and a running fire of conversation, half explanation and half soliloquy . . . "I'll be so glad to see Matt, and he'll be so glad to see me and the children, and it will be so good for the children, too. It's a terrific strain on the budget, but we'll manage. I've been so worried about raising little boys through their first years without a father. I've been luckier with Ralph (the older boy) than most mothers whose husbands are in the service. Ralph's bosom pal (he's exactly the same age) lives next door and has a swell mother and father. The father is a railroad man who is away at work two full days and then has two full days at home. I made a pact with the neighbors. Ralph and I have dinner there every night, we two mothers sharing the labor and expense. On the days when the father is home, he takes full charge of discipline and most of the care of Ralph and Joey who simply adore to follow him around his Victory garden.

If this were not enough to impress vividly on me the plight of the hundreds of temporarily fatherless children growing through their first early years, not lucky enough to have the masculine influence of the good man next door—and say what you will about mother love, important as it is, father love is also essential.

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Guest Health Editor of the Month



OLIVE WREN

MARTIN and **OLGA STEVENS** are two of the most delightfully mad people you'd want to meet. Writers, actors, and producers of things theatrical all their lives, they turned their attention to puppets ten years ago. Since that time, they've been a "two-man" theatre, touring the country (up until gas and tires entered the hen's teeth category) in their truck which carried them and their wonderful shows. They've done every type of entertainment from *Peter Rabbit* to *The Passion Play* with their puppets. Now, they're thrill-dizzy in their studio home in northern Indiana where they have a complete puppet-theater shop. They teach all phases of theatre to students from all over the country, and build special puppets and ventriloquist figures for their contemporaries. . . . **HAZEL PICKETT** says her life hasn't been very exciting, but it has been mighty interesting—all of which makes a neat and nice thumb-nail sketch of this lady who hails from Colorado Springs. Here, this mother of a naval officer, and grandmother as well, has a big garden and a house too small to collect anything but ideas and beautiful memories. She's a bookkeeper by profession, makes afghans and plays the harmonica. . . . **SIGMUND SAMETH** lives in Berks County, Pennsylvania (*not* Bucks county) in a century old stone house which he has no intention of remodeling. The main cash crop on his farm is soybeans of the Manchu variety which are not edible, but which "by some magic of 'chemurgy' can be made into dandy automobile bodies and percolator handles." He has no unusual hobbies or queer pets, "but I have a red headed, three-year-old daughter named Quenby," says Mr. Sameth. Sounds like fun to us! . . . **MARGARET JEFFREY MALEADY**, Guest Health Editor of the Month, came east from Bisbee, Arizona, to study at the New York City Hospital Training School for Nurses. After graduation, she went back home to become surgical nurse at Copper Queen Hospital, but interest in public health nursing was too strong, so east she came again, to be a part of the Henry Street Visiting Nurse Service in New York where she has been until a year ago. Along the way, she took a B.S. at Teachers College, Columbia University, in public health nursing. In 1942, back she went to Bisbee, there to become supervisor of public health nurses in Cochise County. . . . When Jersey born and Maryland bred **OLIVE WREN** gets a chance to sit down, she does it all the way! This is how come. After getting her art training at Yale and doing free lance advertising and writing, she's become a draftsman at American Tube Bending Co. "Yep," says this talented young artist, "I know I have a *part* in planes, ships, and tanks all over the world right now!" Hats off to her!

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'Twas the day before Christmas



HOLIDAY MEAT ORDER ARRIVES. Puts kidneys, for Christmas breakfast, in refrigerator. They'll be served, crispy brown, with Swift's Premium Bacon. Turkey is cleaned and washed. The half Swift's Premium Ham is for dinner tonight. Friends are coming and the two families "pooled" points and got their favorite ham.



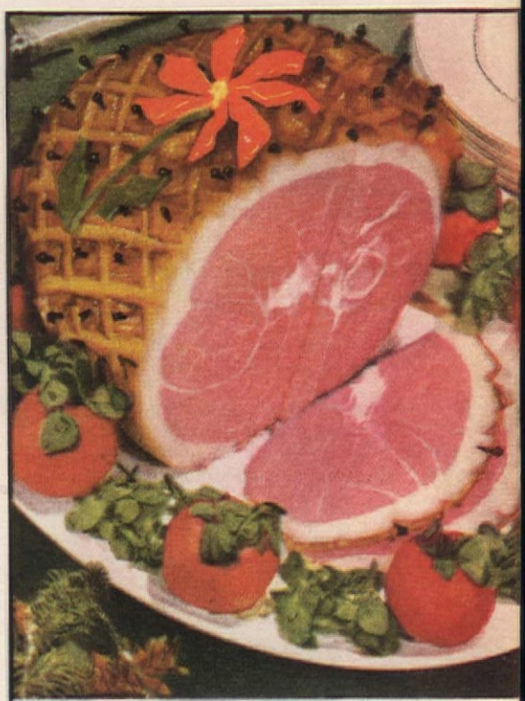
HEAVENLY CALM PREVAILS as there's no last minute rush about presents. This year they are giving War Bonds and Stamps right down the list. A perfect gift—they help Uncle Sam buy planes and guns now, and after the war can be spent for dresses, books, radio, or whatever the owner wants. And the Bonds *earn interest.*



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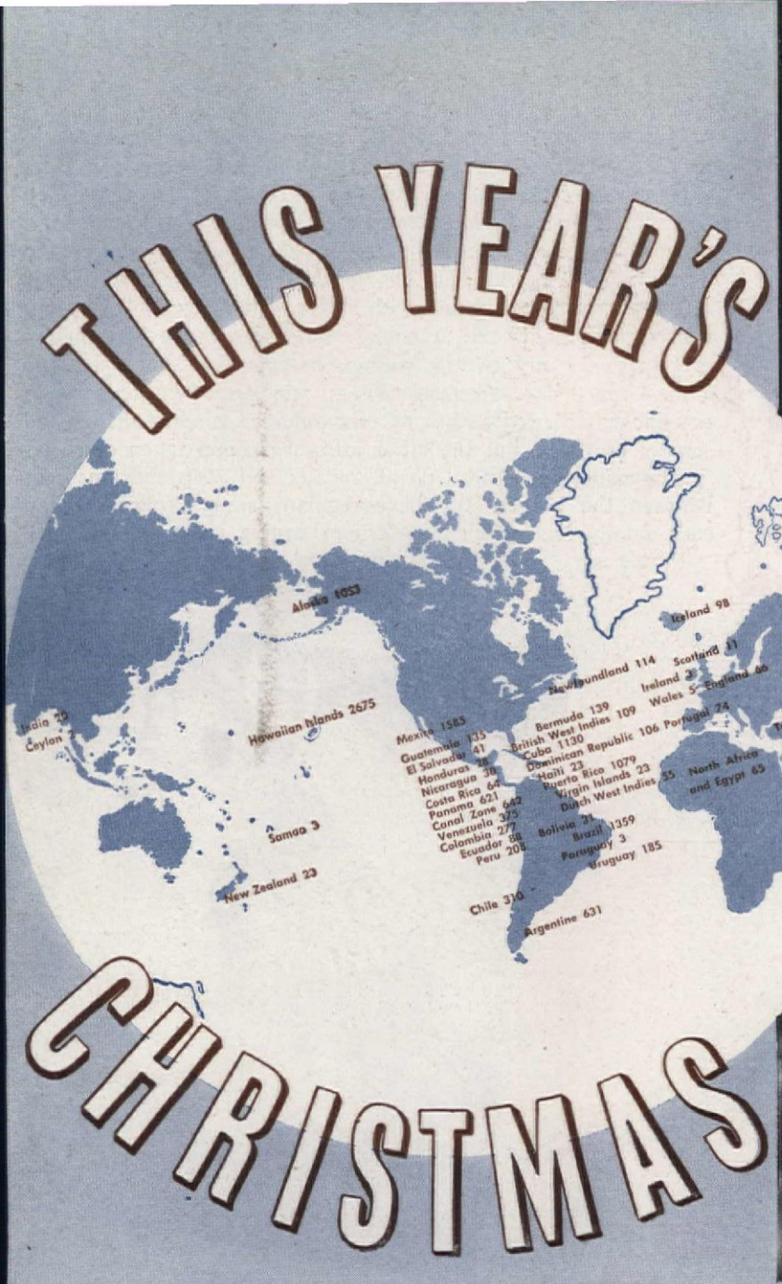
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THIS YEAR'S CHRISTMAS





Mary Brandel Hopkins

YES, IT WILL BE DIFFERENT, SADLY SO. YET, WHEREVER YOU MAY BE, YOU CAN STILL MAKE IT A GOOD CHRISTMAS, IF NOT A MERRY ONE

IMAGINE yourself with the opportunity and privilege of conveying Christmas greetings to more than two and a half million people whom you are trying, each month, to interest, entertain, and help. What will you say? How will you word your message?

Urged by the strength of tradition, you want to exclaim, "Merry Christmas to you all!"—but how can you, when you think of some of your listeners crouched in foxholes under steamy, tropical skies, holding precarious outposts on a rocky Mediterranean front, crowded together within the sweating, iron skin of a submarine, or clinging to the sloping, sleet-swept deck of a PT boat?

You want to speak words of gratitude, admiration, affection, encouragement, good cheer. You want your message to inspire hope and confidence in the triumph of righteousness and justice; to be a pat on the back and a caress.

Well, that is the predicament we are in. We are writing in the realization that this year's Christmas is literally, as perhaps never before, a global Christmas, without limits of geography, nationality, creed, color, or language—not because those barriers have been broken down, but because the peoples to whom Christmas means the most are so widely scattered over the earth. It is a Christmas lacking the old-time atmosphere of homecoming and family reunions—because families are widely separated, beyond the hope of getting together for fun and relaxation. Notwithstanding our huge, diverse, and immensely interesting reader correspondence, we were amazed to find how farflung is our audience, as disclosed by the circulation distribution map above. And we were touched and delighted to learn how generally THE AMERICAN HOME is to be found in recreation rooms, huts, hospitals—all the places where fighting men—and service women—congregate for rest and recuperation. Pin-up girls afford escape for the young unattached lads, but for the newly marrieds or those with strong family ties, reading about homes is their escape—for after all it is their homes that they are really fighting for.



Walter Stewart

For millions of men, women, and children this is a Christmas to be spent in strange places, among strange companions, doing unfamiliar things under conditions not dreamed of a little while ago; a Christmas disturbed and distorted out of all semblance to what they have known—but with a slender, bright, immensely powerful vein running through it all, like a glistening filament of pure gold. Underlying all





Tenants of Uncle Sam

Walter Stewart

the concepts and meanings of Christmas is the thought of peace, and it is to make peace a lasting, universal reality that the world is fighting, suffering, dying—*and living*. We will, if need be, forego tinsel and fancy wrappings; turkey and other embellishments of prodigious feasts; hilarious house parties and unrestrained gift-giving—most of the outward signs and cherished observances of the Yuletide. But wherever you and we may be, we are at one in our hope that, on the heels of victory, all the turmoil and unhappiness shall swiftly give way to peace and good will for all mankind . . . That is our Christmas greeting to you, all over the earth, this year.

And now, we have two stories, typical, we think, of many that could be told about families that will spend this Christmas in new and unusual surroundings. It is particularly pertinent for those of us who will this Christmas still have the privilege of being at our own fireside to know how others—miles away from familiar surroundings—will spend their holiday. The first is from HELEN Q. LAWRENCE.

To us who live in them, it is surprising how many people know nothing about the homes Uncle Sam provides for his defense workers. Yet I myself was not interested until faced with the prospect of living in a one-room furnished apartment at an exorbitant rent while paying storage on our own furniture. A family of three who require "elbow room," we said with one voice, "Impossible!"—and faced the task of finding an alternative. Finally in desperation I said, "Why not try one of those defense houses. Maybe they aren't so bad." Harold accepted this as one of my more reasonable ideas, and that afternoon we visited the manager's office at Erie Gardens, in Port Clinton, Ohio, where an attractive young lady told us that there were 55 houses containing 100 units. The size of our family determining what we could get, we would be given a five-room unit of living room, kitchen, two bedrooms, and bath at a rental of—we nearly swooned—$23.50 a month! Gas, water, and electricity would be furnished on a prorata basis and one dollar would be added to the rent each month for the first ten and held to assure the return of keys and to pay for damage done beyond reasonable wear and tear. Overjoyed, we said we would move in the following morning, but she smiled and said, "I'm sorry. The best I can do is put you on our waiting list. You will be . . . " she looked over some papers and added, "number nineteen." I wondered dismally what hollow log we would live in until eighteen other families were provided for, but Lady Luck smiled on us and we found temporary lodgings in the next town where we tried to wait patiently for our turn to come.

Nearly three months later we moved into our present home with our eight-year-old son's bed, a card table, folding chairs, most of our bedding and table linen and some silverware. We bought a studio couch, dishes, cooking utensils, mop, broom, and garbage can and were fortunate enough to get a second-hand double bed with good springs and a creditable mattress for only ten dollars. Thus we set up housekeeping until our furniture should arrive from storage a thousand miles away. Meantime, as I planned where each piece would go, I grew more and more fond of our house. I found it very easy to keep clean. The walls are of plywood and there is a large window with center casement section in the living room and each bedroom. There are electric outlets; the house is efficiently and reasonably heated by a gas furnace with a large register in the living room; the kitchen has a gas refrigerator, and a gas range, and a cupboard unit with sink and laundry tub. A roomy utility room holds the automatic water heater besides shelves and space for my electric washer, brooms, etc. There is attic storage space, too, adequate closets, and a medicine cabinet in the linoleum-floored bathroom. Not only are window shades and screens provided, but the latter are put up and taken down by "maintenance men" who do all repairs and keep the grass cut between the houses. We have regular garbage collection and each family has an incinerator for burning trash and rubbish.

People say, "But how do you know your own house? There



are so many, all alike." True, but, strangely, after you live in one for a while, they don't seem alike at all. Maybe it's the curtains at the windows or the laundry on the line, but one house becomes home to you. We planted bright flowers around ours and trained a flowering vine over our door. The interior is a challenge, but to make it attractive and different from the neighbors' homes, entails more fun than work. The panelled walls lend themselves to any color scheme and are a perfect background for our treasured oil paintings and appropriate in Jerry's room for his collection of cowboy and Indian pictures and relics.

We have been here a year and have made a number of friends of whom we think a great deal. There are hosts of children such as one would expect to find anywhere in America, most of them from very good families and very few undesirable associates for our son. I have become acquainted with many of the Port Clinton citizens and find them pleasant and congenial. In fact, I wonder if, under the same circumstances, I would be as friendly to strangers who were overcrowding the schools, churches, and theatres and otherwise inconveniencing the residents. We know this home is temporary. But we feel secure in the knowledge that while Harold is working here, we have a comfortable place to live. We are content and grateful to be tenants of Uncle Sam. . . . Now MURIEL VALENTINE YALE, Equador, S. A.

We first saw Quito from the air, its white buildings and tile roofs nestled in a valley nearly two miles above sea level between the green Andes and distant white volcanoes. That I would be keeping house there seemed as incredible as the surroundings of our new home. For Quito is a fabulous city, an amazing mixture of the old and the

Housekeeping in Quito



Margaret Jervis

new. There are cathedrals built centuries ago on sites of ancient Inca forts; yet modern progress is also part of the picture, with Social Security, up-to-date conveniences, and modernistic houses.

We had to find a place to live, and servants, quickly before the Señor started into the bush for wild rubber and the Señora was left alone with the Spanish language. (While I cannot recommend the fright system of learning Spanish, it can certainly do wonders in a few frantic weeks!) The first thing to look for in renting, we were told, is a fireplace, for Quito is always cool and there is no such thing as central heating. Next comes a good kitchen



stove and a refrigerator, though some put a view ahead of either, claiming that "it will always work, while the others—well!" We saw bleak, furnished houses at terrible rents, draughty baronial mansions, houses with gilded woodwork, others with lovely gardens, but too far out. Then we found one with the right number of rooms, a fireplace and, at the back, a garden with a high wall and espaliered geraniums. Servants with certificates and references appeared at the door, and we all moved in. To the servants we are known as *el Señor* and *la Señora*, though they know our name is, as they pronounce it, "Yolly." The children's names are always prefixed by the word for "child." *Niño* Barry and *Niño* Ted, being almost ten and twelve, do not like the idea. I had reflected on the joys of "having servants," for in Quito, I knew, there would be lots of them. There are. But servant problems also multiply when one has three who work fourteen hours a day and are never through; whose fierce loyalty delights and harasses; who will fight at the drop of a hat or less. Head of your house, and your destiny, is the major-domo, whether he is the house-boy or she is the *muchacha* (as in our case). She bosses the others, gives the cook her money for the food purchases each day and turns in an accounting each night; reminds you when it is time to buy wood, pays your light and water bills, attends the front door, helps the second maid cook breakfast, waits on the table, and is on call at all hours—an indispensable aide.



The cook does the marketing, cooks lunch and dinner—and spends all day doing just that. It is beneath her social status to do dishes and would pain her to cook breakfast. The *muchacha* thought it would be better, if she, too, had someone to help her with the upstairs work, so there is a little third maid. And the gardener often brings his small, round, solemn-faced son around to wait on *him*. Each morning the cook goes off to market with the biggest basket on her arm for the high spot of her day. After an hour or two of business, she rides home on a street car filled with her colleagues, their bulging market baskets piled on the front bumper. Quito has a marvelous meat supply but, because there is no refrigeration, your today's roast was doubtless part of the herd that went down the street yesterday afternoon. To make up for any slight toughness, there is marvelous variety, and prices beyond a housekeeper's wildest dreams—chops, ten cents a pound, calves liver seven cents, sweetbreads ten cents a pair, a whole leg of lamb forty-odd cents, beef tenderloin fourteen cents a pound! Also there are four-cents-a-dozen oranges, ripe pineapples seven cents each, twenty luscious bananas the same, and many other strange, tropical fruits. Flowers are the most beautiful in all the world, I think. And all our vegetables grow right here—although everything must be boiled or treated with permanganate of potash and washed off with a day's supply of drinking water before it is eaten as an essential precaution.

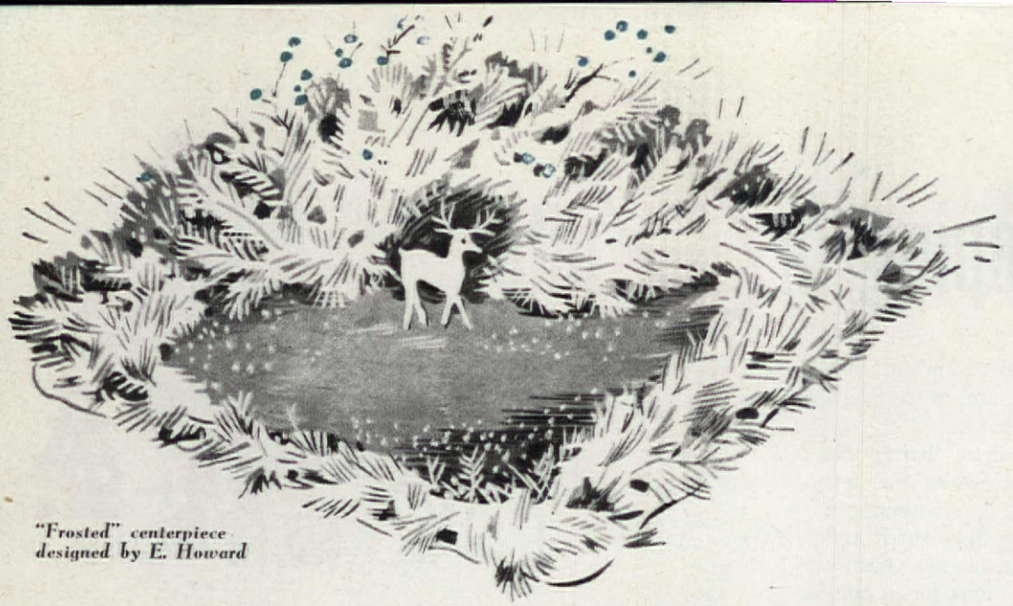


To keep Quito from being pure Utopia, rents are sky-high and anything imported brings two to five times as much as otherwise. A small tin of oatmeal costs fifty-two cents; cigarettes are from thirty-five to sixty cents a pack according to whether or not a boat has just docked; American canned things range from fifty cents to a dollar.

As to weather, in the rainy half of the year, a day begins with spring, turns by mid-morning into brief summer, merges into autumn just before the afternoon clouds spill over the crest of Pinchincha, and closes with the rain of winter. During the dry season comes spring, summer and autumn, and high winds. However, Quiteños love their weather and nature fortifies them for it, so they do not need the heat that others do. There was little firewood until, years ago, a far-sighted president imported seeds of eucalyptus trees which, planted in criss-cross rows on the hills, give forth a sweetly sharp fragrance and also provide fuel for the smoky kitchen fires and the fireplaces that Americans hover around.

One of the first things we noticed in Ecuadorean homes (aside from the courtesy with which we were made welcome), was the furniture arrangement in the living room. We were accustomed to having the fireplace as the focal point, or possibly a view window or a picture. Here it is a small center table, around





"Frosted" centerpiece designed by E. Howard

Jolly-

THERE'S an old revival movement afoot in St. Nick's workshop this Christmas—a revival of the old-fashioned Christmas tree. Trimmings this year will have to come off your own little assembly line, and imagination and ingenuity will be your principal tools.

With nimble fingers, a few pine needles, and five cents worth of reindeer, is made a "winter wonderland" to be used as centerpiece on the Holiday table. It's shown at the top of this page.

Below we offer new and gay tricks in Christmas trimmings, as well as some of the old reliables. Following the numbers around our 1943 Christmas tree, No. 1 is a tiny peep-hole church made of cardboard and as simple or complicated as your artistic touch permits. No. 2 is a "Surprise" ball with tiny toys wrapped up midst cotton batting, bright papers, and pretty ribbons. The little nut man (Circus Ring Leader) is No. 3, made with a painted nut for a head; his ruff consists of an inverted cupcake container; his hat is of oilcloth. No. 4 are the favorite Name Cookies shaped with cookie cutters and tied with pretty ribbons. No. 5 is our Peppermint-stick lady. Her skirt and wings a lace paper doily and a head of cotton. A fetching angel to tempt youngsters when the body-shaft is a peppermint stick. No. 6 are those little periwinkle shells, dried starfish and sea-horses, all painted. They make unusual and gay tree ornaments. No. 7 are the tiny pinecones, large acorns, and dried burrs which, when painted, give a true festive air.

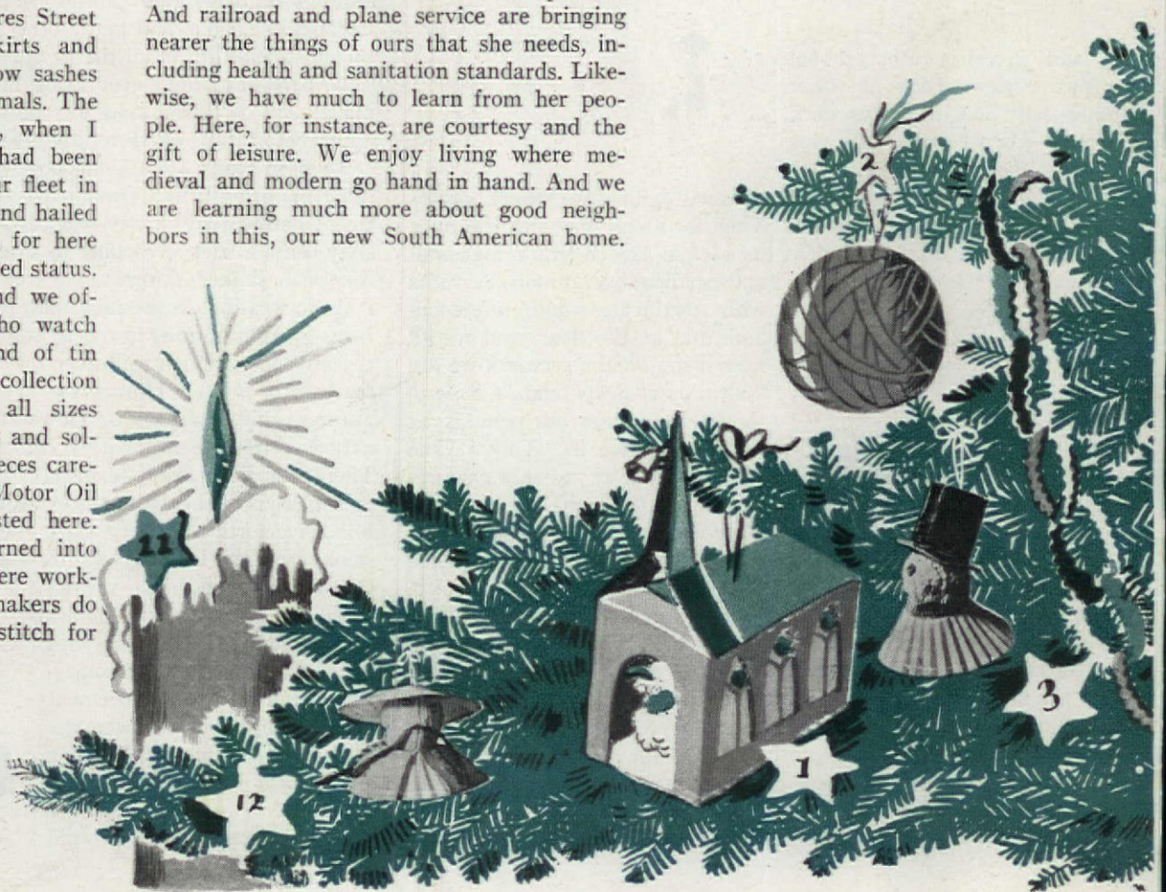
which chairs (with their smaller tables) and a davenport or sofa are placed in a circle. With this grouping, the stage is set for conversation as an art—which it truly becomes.

Manners of Ecuadorean children generally equal those of their parents and put their birthday parties far ahead of hours. They have as much fun and make as much noise, but their friendly politeness is noteworthy, charming. When it is time for the guests to leave, there is no self-conscious muttering of some home-coached thanks for a nice time, followed by a break for the door. Instead, they graciously shake hands all around and the birthday child thanks each of them for his present, all of which have been put in a pile to be opened after everyone is gone, so there will be no comparisons. The first month the children were in the American school here they were convinced that they would never learn Spanish. And so was I. Then, suddenly, they all three started knowing the language. We still don't know how it happened.

We like to stop by the little Flores Street shops which sell ponchos and skirts and *fajas,* those beautifully woven narrow sashes with Inca designs of funny little animals. The people love children and although, when I had gone shopping there alone I had been called *Señora,* when I went with our fleet in tow, I was greeted as an old friend and hailed as *Señorita*—a delicate compliment, for here *Señora* implies age rather than married status. The tinsmith's shop is fun, too, and we often join those on the sidewalk who watch him fashion lanterns and every kind of tin container. His raw material is a collection of carefully washed tin cans of all sizes which he cuts into the right shapes and solders over his flame, turning the pieces carefully so the part that says Blank Motor Oil won't show. Indeed, nothing is wasted here. Even burnt-out light bulbs are turned into little kerosene lamps. And everywhere workmanship is cheap and good. Dressmakers do not need patterns; they can copy, stitch for stitch, anything you show them, though most of them have mail order catalogues for their customers to dream over.

Quito has always been closely linked with Europe. Its coat of arms has the double eagle of the House of Hapsburg, the reigning house of Spain in the sixteenth century when Quito was colonized. But the influence today is different, for from every occupied country, and from Germany, Europeans have swept in. Theirs is a heritage of contrasts, a terrific vitality, accomplishment born of desperation, a shrewd business sense. So many have gone into business that the European colony seems far larger than it really is.

By now we are used to the every day schedules we once thought so strange. Offices as well as shops are open from 9 to 6 with two or three hours for lunch when everything stops. Movies have four performances a day: *Vermouth* at 10:30, *Matinee* at 3, *Especial* at 6, and *Noche* at 9. Yes, Quito has charm and color such as few other cities possess. And railroad and plane service are bringing nearer the things of ours that she needs, including health and sanitation standards. Likewise, we have much to learn from her people. Here, for instance, are courtesy and the gift of leisure. We enjoy living where medieval and modern go hand in hand. And we are learning much more about good neighbors in this, our new South American home.



Our Wartime Christmas Tree leaflet gives complete directions for making fascinating things for your 1943 tree and under tree creche. Send 15c in stamps for leaflet and order # 157.

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Don't forget the good old paper chain to wind 'round and 'round the tree just as in No. 8. Cranberries strung along with popcorn are more of the "necessaries" for Christmas, too. No. 9 are the egg-shell balls, all painted and trimmed to be hung here, there and everywhere. Our lovely Flying Angel is No. 10 made of showy chicken feathers and cardboard. The Yuletide Candle (No. 11) is a real conservation note —using up all the odds and ends of candles you've saved. A little mixing, melting, and molding make dozens of pretty ones. No. 12 is another nut figure, this time a little Chinaman. A joy to any child is the dog No. 13, made of cotton and oilcloth. Now comes again another nut man No. 14, this time a clown. No. 15 is a puffy lamb, pretty and white for the occasion and made mostly of cotton and oilcloth. No. 16 is the baby-nut figure and his Pilgrim friend is No. 17. Santa Claus is not neglected, gay whiskers and all (No. 18), and Mrs. Santa joins the party too, No. 19. With head feathers of colored yarn our No. 20 Indian finishes off the gayest of all Christmas trees.

Forgetting not the more formal Christmas spirit, the small crêche shown in the lower corner is something for the whole family to work on. Of modeling clay are made the famous figures and animals, the manger of straw, and a box, the stable. This is decoration worthy of effort and makes a picture scene for the whole holiday season.

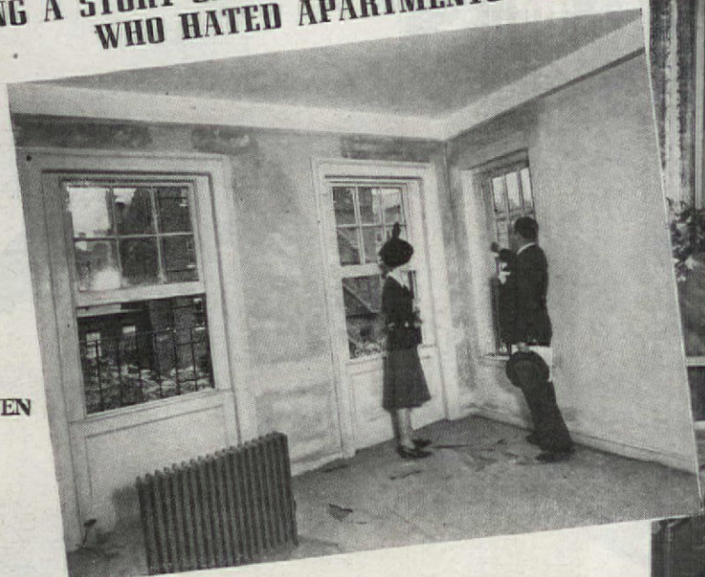






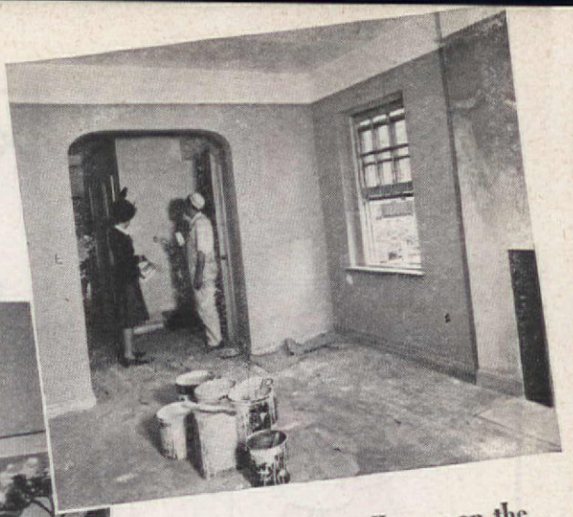
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BEING A STORY OF TWO GALS WHO HATED APARTMENTS SO . . .





LYNN GIVEN



We repeated the wallpaper on the part of the hall that faced the living room. This gave us a real sense of spaciousness and color continuity





F. M. Demarest photographs

SHOESTRINGS

TO BEGIN with, both my roommate and I hate apartments, per se, with a deep purple hate. When we moved in to New York from the country, it was a question of an apartment or a pup tent in the park. OK, we'd live in an apartment, but it had to have the feeling of something other than four cream colored walls, venetian blinds, built-in laundry hamper, daily garbage collection, and all the other little plums that apartment landlords hold out to their prospects.

The little pictures tell the story of what we finally signed for on the dotted line. It was a building that was being done over "for fall occupancy." Better than things such as cross ventilation and light, it had a very cooperative landlord, a most important factor when one has ideas not of the cream or pale green decade!

We wanted bookcases built around the living room, and cupboards and shelves in the study (bedroom on the plan). I asked the carpenter how much it would cost and he said $85. I told him we didn't want them hand-carved, just built, but that was his story, and he's stuck with it. We did them ourselves. We arrived in New York with all our goods and chattle, plus about three hundred feet of pine boards! Finally, we worked our way through it, with the results shown in the after pictures.

The stark expanse of the broom closet bothered us, since it was the first spot you saw when you came in. So we talked our cooperative landlord into leaving off the door, building a closed cupboard at the bottom, and we did the rest with plywood, jig-saw, and deep pink paint.

In the living room, we papered the long wall and painted the other three to match the background blue of the paper. To make it all hang together, we used the conventionalized stripe of the paper on the wooden valance and around the window with its glass shelves. For the hangings, we found pink and white ticking that matched the pink rose in the paper. To keep the room from going too pink and blue, we weighed it down with a deep green rug and a rich brown corduroy couch cover.

In the study, which is a work room as well as a slumbering spot, we didn't want a boudoirish feeling. The walls are a dove gray, the built-ins and valances a warm pine tone. For hangings we used a patterned sateen in off-pink, sage green, and white. The couch covers are the same green, the hit-or-miss rug mostly hits browns and greens, a very happy combination.

And so, even after we've climbed up five flights of stairs, it's still fun to open the door of our "house," so I guess we succeeded in making it *not* an apartment. And it was all done on a pair of proverbial shoestrings.



CHRISTMAS FOR

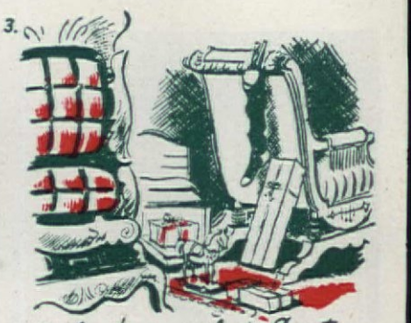




We were town dwellers in Iowa... Mamma and Papa



would get up early on Christmas morning. Papa would shake the base burner and build a fire in the kitchen range I would dash into the



parlor to see what Santa Claus brought me. There in front of the base burner was my stocking stuffed with candy, nuts & an orange.



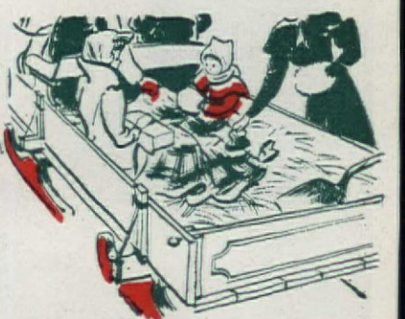
Grandpa made me a sled and painted it red. He had the blacksmith put on iron runners.



When I began to smell pancakes I would dash to the kitchen. The oven door would be down and



I'd stand in front of that and dress myself. Mamma would hurry us through breakfast as we



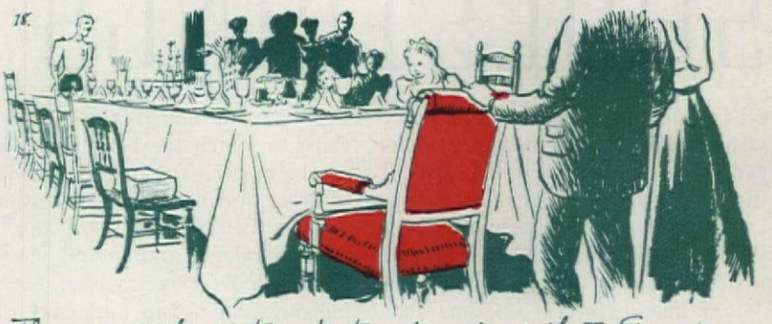
still had a ten mile drive. The bottom of the sled was filled with straw and old quilts. Mamma would heat flatirons to keep us warm.



we'd hear the men stomping into the lean-to off the kitchen. Grandpa would take the iron kettle off the stove and fill the wash basin. It would seem



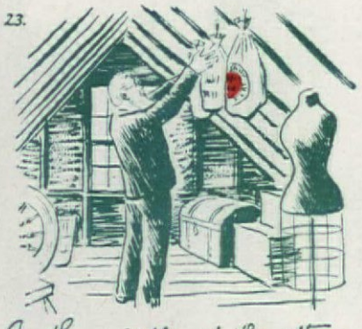
centuries between the time of our arrival and dinner. We'd get hungry, then the aunts would fix us bread, butter & sugar and shoo us back into the parlor.



There would be sixteen to twenty of us but Grandma tried to seat us all at the table. Oh, how grand that table looked! Grandma's best and longest white table cloth. The table had so many extra leaves and was so loaded with food it was slightly swayback from its burden.



the women relatives. Grandma pieced innumerable quilts for all the daughters and granddaughters Grown up gifts were usually sensible.



In the middle of the afternoon Grandpa would go up in the attic and bring down some nuts. We would



get flatirons and hammers and crack hickory nuts, black walnuts and tiny sweet hazel nuts in a big flat pan.



There would be hugs and kisses and bundling up into our warm coats for our drive home. It would still

A LITTLE GIRL

by Hazel Harper Pickett

drawings by Harrie Wood



On the floor or chair were my toys. The Christmas I was 5 I got a real iron toy cookstove with lids I could lift off, and a



tiny teakettle. Then there was a little Red Riding Hood doll and a larger one with a china head and painted black hair.



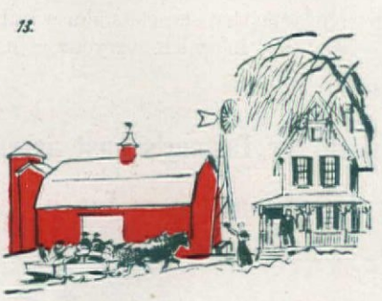
Grandmother made me red mittens, and Mamma made me a kitty-hood of gray furry yarn with red ribbons to match my



red woolen coat and the little muff she made to go with it. The muff had a cord that went around my neck.



In some places the snow would be drifted and the menfolks would get out and shovel. The horses blowing steam from their nostrils would



plunge through. Grandpa and Grandma would come out in the snow to meet us.



My cousin, Marie and I would compare dolls and find that they were almost identical undoubtedly Santa knew we were cousins & thought our



dolls should be alike. Mothers and aunts would don aprons and help Grandma with the dinner. Pretty soon



There was either a huge turkey or a goose, dressing with lots of sage, giblet gravy, potatoes, baked ham, pickled beets, watermelon pickles, stuffed mango peppers, turnips, parsnips, – vegetables Grandpa had in the root-cellar. We'd top all this with pie, apple or pumpkin or both. The apples were sliced & strung on cord



and dried in the fall. I remember Grandma used Lyon's coffee. There was no rationing then and Grandpa would drink his from a huge moustache cup.



When we were all settled again in the parlor the grownups would exchange gifts. Mamma crocheted ice-wool "fascinators" one Christmas for all



be light when we left but Uncle Dave would see that the lanterns were ready to light, though the horses knew



the road and probably could have found their way home with no one driving. When we



reached home, tired and sleepy, Papa would fix the fires for the night and I would tumble into my bed,



my old rag doll clutched to my heart, the new dolls tucked in their new doll-bed. Another Christmas at Grandma's!



Knell, from U. S. Dept. of Agriculture

Your little garden's modest contribution to the food supply may seem insignificant compared with the farmer's vast acres and crops. Yet your responsibility is the same as his—to respect the soil and care for it

AND IT'S ALL IN OUR KEEPING—

E. L. D. SEYMOUR

ANOTHER garden season is over, its record book closed. Any crops still unconsumed are in storage, or canned for winter, or to be given proudly as Christmas presents. Tools have been cleaned and oiled, equipment stowed away, crop stubble, rubbish and weeds composted if possible, or burned. Everything has been done to prepare the garden for another, better, more productive year. . . . How's that? Everything? Are you sure? What about the soil, which, after all, *is* the garden? Did you cover it with manure or compost, or sow a cover crop of rye, vetch, or some such hardy herbage to prevent washing and supply organic matter next spring? Do you appreciate the responsibility that a gardener shares with every person who cultivates the land?

It may seem like a far cry from your 20 by 40 ft. backyard plot to a 1000-acre grain farm, an orchard, or mile upon mile of cotton, corn, or potatoes. Yet the basic problems are the same. Your task and obligation when you dig up the ground in order to grow something are exactly the same—if on a smaller scale—as those of any farmer. If you never happened to think of it that way, don't let the idea scare or discourage you. Rather, think of the glory of it; of the privilege of being even a buck private in a world-wide army of soil-tillers. I suggest that in the winter weeks left before we need start active preparations for another year's gardening everyone who grew food this year or contemplates growing some next season, do some reading that will help toward a new realization of these things: First, our debt to the soil and our dependence on it; second, the deplorable blindness and indifference with which, notwithstanding that debt, we have treated it; third, the vital necessity for replacing that senseless abuse with intelligent, constructive care; fourth, the ways in which everyone of us, whether in a city backyard, or on a suburban plot, country home or farm, can take a hand in bringing back and maintaining the fertility and the fruitfulness of the land.



Drawing by Walter Stewart

You'll find it far from dry and technical. On the contrary, "the dullest landscape may have a story back of it packed with drama and human interest out of all proportion to its apparently ordinary appearance. Anywhere in the world the face of the land faithfully reflects the culture of the people who live on it." That quotation brings us to the first of several new books that I consider eminently worth the attention of gardeners. It is from William R. Van Dersal's "The American Land" (Oxford), which the author accurately calls, "A simple story about the American land and how it is used." Like many simple tales that are also great, it is packed with history, information, keen analysis and wise counsel, all presented in a most friendly and readable manner. Perhaps its keynote is expressed in its own quotation from Sir Reginald George Stapleton's 'The Land—Now and Tomorrow": "The culture of a nation by general consent would, I suppose, be regarded as its greatest heritage, but a heritage perhaps equally worthy of being cherished is the land surface which a nation occupies." But this story also has its tragic side as it tells us that, "Fifty million acres of American cropland are now ruined for farming. . . . Another 150 million acres of arable land has been so gutted by erosion that farming on it is bumping and grinding to a stop. On the rest of our cropland—880 million acres more—erosion in greater or less degree is apparent nearly everywhere."

That destruction has been mostly, if not wholly, man made. Men have destroyed good soil just as effectively as they might destroy a house by setting fire to it. And, despite the damning evidence of it, and abundant demonstrations of practical and advantageous ways to stop it, they keep right on doing it! The amazingly simple solution rests on the fact that



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"If soil had a cover on it, wind or water could not carry it away." Because the growing of many kinds of crops involves removing such a cover, the wrong choice of crops and the wrong kind of cultivation are two direct causes of soil destruction. Whereas a certain type of land would lose seven inches of topsoil in 18 years if kept bare, planted to cotton it would take 46 years to lose that much; under grass, the same amount of erosion would take 82,000 years, and in original forest it would be delayed for 575,000 years—or, to all intents and purposes, indefinitely. From this it can be seen that the more nearly men grow crops "naturally," the more they will conserve the soil and its fertility and thereby make it more productive. And that most encouraging cycle might be called the moral of another very worthwhile, thought provoking book: "Plowman's Folly," by Edward H. Faulkner (University of Oklahoma Press). Published last spring, this indictment of the familiar moldboard plow as a soil-fitting implement has received much attention from reviewers and, no doubt, scornful comment from many to whom iconoclastic ideas are distasteful. Perhaps, like other proponents of a novel theory, Mr. Faulkner goes to extremes in some of his conclusions. Nevertheless, he reasons cautiously and soundly; he has tested his theories; his findings coincide with many earlier (all too often ignored) warnings about soil-wasting practices, and his recommendations parallel many that are more and more being accepted and approved.

In another book that I have read with keen interest and admiration—the story both of the land and of a man who understood and revered it—we find that nearly 50 years ago a Negro scientist and teacher was urging upon his fellows in the South more intelligent farming methods. In her "George Washington Carver—An American Biography" Rackham Holt quotes that farseeing, wonderfully skilled, patient, self-effacing worker as telling his new Farmers Institutes: "In the South we are sinning against the land. We are letting it go unnourished from the waste of washouts and erosion and are not protecting it. In return it is punishing us." There is much of that sort of advice, and an absorbing account of what Dr. Carver revealed and taught about the soil and its bounty in carrying out his lifelong aim: "to be of the greatest good to the greatest number of 'my people' possible." He lived for them, but served us all.

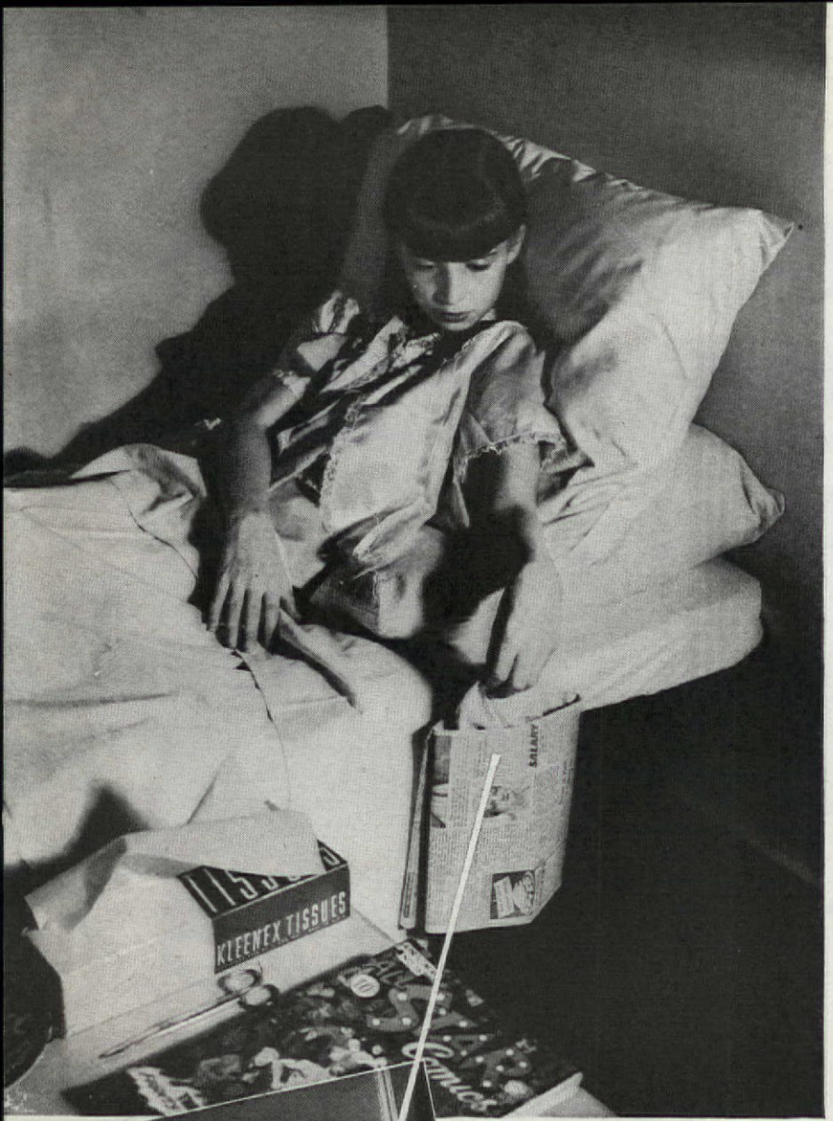
Of course soil erosion is but one of the crop grower's trials. Among the others are pests. For a refreshingly new and informational slant on them, try "Insect Invaders," by Anthony Standen (Houghton Mifflin), who, while very fair to them, says frankly, "I hate insects. . . . I agree that there are many, many insects that are useful to us, as well as many that are entirely indispensable . . . but I cannot revise my original opinion that insects as a whole are inherently unpleasant and objectionable." The charm of his book is that he discusses them so impersonally that one feels free to hold his own views about them, while learning much about them and the measures employed in controlling them.

There is wide current interest in wild plants as food possibilities, and a notable contribution is "Edible Wild Plants of Eastern North America" by Merritt L. Fernald and Alfred C. Kinsey (Idlewild Press). While studious and authoritative, it is by no means as heavy as those terms might suggest. However, if you want to explore the field in a thoroughly informal and delightful way, read Walter Beebe Wilder's "Bounty of the Wayside" (Doubleday, Doran) and get acquainted with his amazing grandfather and his exciting recipes. And if you are going to be a recruit in the 1944 Victory Garden Program, you will want to read some books on home gardening, also some of the bulletins and pamphlets written especially for your region, that are or will soon be available. There are several good volumes on the fundamentals and detailed operations of gardening and I will gladly send a list of them on request. One that especially impressed me with its concise, practical directness is James H. Burdett's "Victory Garden Manual."

But, again, let me urge you to be something more than just a contributor to the "home food supply", useful as that is. Be a *good* gardener in the widest sense. Be a real student and lover of the soil. Accept and discharge, conscientiously and proudly, your share of responsibility as one of the millions of stewards into whose keeping has been entrusted the care and the conservation of the vast riches of the land we live on.

The Care of COMMUNICABLE DISEASE in the Home

MARGARET J. MALEADY
Guest Health Editor of the Month





TWELFTH IN OUR FAMILY HEALTH SERIES

DRY WASTE DISPOSAL:

Cleansing tissue for nose and throat discharges should be within reach of patient. The soiled tissues can be dropped in paper bag conveniently pinned to bed

PATIENT'S PERSONAL EQUIPMENT:

A tray to hold patient's toilet equipment, linen, and basin on chest



How many people do you know who say their difficulty in hearing, their sinus, heart, kidney, or arthritic conditions resulted from one of the communicable diseases? Early recognition of symptoms, and good medical and nursing care are the best ways to prevent these life lasting complications. Parents who realize the importance of good care, given early, are keeping children with colds in bed. If this is not done and the child goes to school, the teacher will send him home, advising the parents to watch him carefully, put him to bed and to call their physician at the earliest moment possible if the symptoms do not disappear.

State, county, and city health departments have certain isolation instructions for each particular communicable disease that is reported to your health officer. The public health nurse will visit your home to help you carry out the physician's orders. You can protect your patient, prevent further spread of the disease, and conserve the nurse's time by setting up simple isolation procedures immediately in your own home.

The sick person should be put in a bed by himself. If a separate room is out of the question and the department of health allows it, you may put his bed off in one corner of the room least used by your family. You can be reminded that this area is in isolation by tying a clothesline around chairs, or surrounding the bed, and as much space as you can afford to give the sick person, with other pieces of furniture for a barrier.

Inside the space, whether it be an entire room or not, you will want to keep all the articles needed for the patient's care. The apron you wear each time you attend him will hang just inside the door. A tray to hold all the patient's toilet equipment is a time and space saving device. Some cleansing or toilet tissue for nose and throat discharges should be kept within easy reach of the patient; he may then drop the used tissues into a paper bag safety pinned to the side of the bed and no one else will ever need to touch them. Tissues should be burned or wrapped securely.

His fresh linen, bath basin, and bed pan may be kept in a dresser drawer, or you may need to use the top of your cedar chest or a bridge table. The patient's used dishes may be kept on the dresser, bridge table, or other empty surface, until they are taken out to be boiled. The soiled linen may be put in a pillow case hung over the back of a chair to form a bag. Make your sick room as efficient as you possibly can.

If the health department advises a separate hand-washing unit for the attendant, it may be set up just inside the isolation area. On the seat of a kitchen chair, you will have a hand basin, a bar of soap on a saucer, and a pitcher of water. Over the back of the chair you can hang the towel. A large pail on the floor beside the chair will allow you to empty the water each time you wash your hands. The contents of this pail may be emptied into the toilet once or twice a day or as often as necessary. If the disease is one that requires disinfection of the liquid waste and stools, you will receive special instructions regarding the proper procedure for this from your physician. Follow his instructions.

Dry waste may be put into a paper bag or wrapped in newspaper and burned. If burning is impossible, the package may be taken out of the sick room, dropped into a clean paper bag or wrapped in a clean newspaper. Either bag or bundle should be tied securely with string, and it may then be put with the other household waste. The liquid waste, such

as left over milk, soups, bath water, may be emptied into the water pail, disposed of, following instructions for liquid wastes.

Remember that everything in the patient's room is contaminated, and each time you leave it, you should remove your apron and wash your hands with soap and clean water.

The cooking utensil you will use for boiling the dishes and the pail or boiler for the soiled linen should be half-filled with cold water and placed on a clean newspaper just outside the sick room door. After the work in the patient's room is completed and the soiled linen and dishes have been put into the containers outside the door, the attendant will remove her apron, wash her hands, and carry these vessels out to the kitchen and put them on the stove to boil. Or, if there is no danger of the attendant being called to take care of other household matters, she may have the vessels on the stove beforehand, and, after removing her apron and before washing her hands, she may carry the dishes and the linen out and put them into the vessels on the stove, returning immediately to the sick room to wash-up. You will use less heat, and there will be less steam in your kitchen if you put covers on these boiling pots. Dishes are safe when they have boiled for a minute or two; they can then be washed with your other dishes. Because linen is porous, it will take fifteen or twenty minutes of boiling before it will be safe to send to the laundry or be washed with other linen.

The patient's room may be kept fresh and clean by dusting the furniture and wiping up the floor with damp cloths every day.

The nursing care of a person sick with a communicable disease is the same as the care given to anyone who is ill. For those of you who have taken the Red Cross Home Nursing Course, it will present no difficulties. Others may need to call the public health or visiting nurse to demonstrate the care and treatment ordered by the physician. Some important points to remember are reviewed here:

Save your patient as much effort as possible. Work out a schedule for medications, treatments, and nourishment so that his periods of rest may be as long as possible.

Keep him comfortable. If your physician has ordered a daily bath, give it as you would like a bath given to yourself. Change the positions of the pillows several times a day. A pillow or other support put between the sheets at the foot of the bed will keep the weight of the bed clothes from resting on the patient's feet.

Keep him as contented as possible, providing diversion suitable to the degree of illness and age of your patient. A butcher's type apron with neck opening put over a child's head and the strings tied to the springs or side boards of the bed will serve as a tray for play toys, cutouts, crayons, and so forth.

When the child is allowed out of isolation, he should receive a bath, be dressed in clean clothes and taken into another room. The sick room can then be thoroughly cleaned and aired. Wash things that can be washed with soap and water; things that may be ruined by washing should be sunned and aired for at least six hours before using again.

REMEMBER, put your child to bed when he has symptoms of a cold. If it's only a cold, he will recover more quickly. If it is a communicable disease, you may prevent serious complications and will be protecting others by preventing its spread in home and community.

ESSENTIAL POINTS TO REMEMBER

1. **Follow your physician's instructions exactly. The department of health nurse or the visiting nurse will help you carry out his orders and will show you the simplest and best way to care for and tend your patient.**
2. **Destroy discharges from the nose and throat; burn them if possible.**
3. **Isolate patient and his toilet articles from others in the home.**
4. **Wash your hands after touching the patient or articles used by the patient before you touch anybody or anything outside the sick room.**
5. **Wear a large apron while giving care to the patient, leaving it in the sick room when you go out.**
6. **Carry out the health department's instructions regarding the care of the patient's dishes and linen. If in doubt, be safe and boil them.**
7. **Keep the family and friends, *especially children under five years of age,* from going near the sick person.**



STERILIZING DISHES:

Dishes are safe when they have boiled a minute or two. They can then be washed with other dishes. Boil in a covered vessel to avoid steam



THE ISOLATION AREA:

All articles necessary for the patient's care should be kept within the "isolation area." The attendant's apron hangs just inside the door. The hand-washing unit consists of a basin, soap, and a pitcher of water placed on a chair or a table near the door



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WHAT about upholstered furniture these war days? Has it undergone changes, too, like so many other things in our daily lives? Is it advisable to buy now? These are questions that logically pop into one's mind today when faced with the problem and delight of buying a new chair or sofa.

It is true that the war has affected upholstered furniture. But that need not stop you from buying if you are prepared for some changes. Not that the war products look different than the furniture you are accustomed to—it is in their construction details that the changes have come. You must be prepared also for a new standard of comfort. The new chairs and sofas have a firmer, less resilient kind of comfort; those big, squashy, luxuriant chairs and sofas of prewar days, when steel springs and goose down were available, are as scarce as

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Nylon stockings. Ask your doctor, however, about the new, firmer seating of today's sofas and chairs; he will say they are much better for your posture and your general health, even though he may secretly like the squashy, "sinkable" kind as much as you do.

When, well over a year ago, steel springs were eliminated by government orders from use in upholstered furniture, and, when goose and duck down and feathers were restricted for use in sleeping bags for our service men in cold countries, manufacturers of upholstered furniture surveyed the list of materials left them. The results are nothing short of miraculous, considering what they had to work with. Could you ever have imagined, for instance, that wood could replace steel springs for resiliency in upholstered furniture?

HOW TO BUY A GOOD



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That actually is what has happened, and it is one of the big achievements . . . engineer-designed wood springs so constructed that when you sit down in a wood-spring chair, you get almost the same sinking-down feeling you did when you sat in a metal spring chair.

Some other manufacturers make a firm base of wood slats or webbing material for a soft cushion of resilient stuffs, like cotton over curled hog hair. Less expensive upholstered furniture combine various vegetable fibres, which are resilient, with cotton. In any of these war models, no one will ever be the victim of sagging springs, and that too may be a boon. There is still another idea being encouraged by both manufacturers and stores . . . that when steel springs again become available, you may send your cushions to the factory and have them spring-filled. This seems like a practical, sensible idea for a postwar plan that will not cost you too much.

Because of all these conditions, contour furniture, especially in modern design, has had a spurt. Contour furniture is furniture shaped to fit the human frame, and needs no inner-filling at all. It is really an excellent type of design . . . and not a new idea at all, for our Early American "sleepyhollow" chairs were contour-designed.

Of course, if you live in or near one of the big metropolitan centers and shop hard enough, you may still be able to buy upholstered furniture of the prewar type. You may have to take it in the cover shown, and have it slipcovered or reupholstered to harmonize it with your room scheme. You may even "pick up" a floor sample!

UPHOLSTERED PIECE!



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But even shopping for furniture fabrics for reupholstering or slipcovering, you will have to shop with a new attitude. Gone is the great lush variety, but when you really think of that, it was also bewildering in its variety. For today, manufacturers of fabrics have also adapted themselves to the war. Certain yarns, like rayon and mohair, are needed for war purposes; and certain dyes likewise have gone to war. There are enough fabrics in present-day store stocks, especially in cotton, to transform any upholstered piece into the style you want.

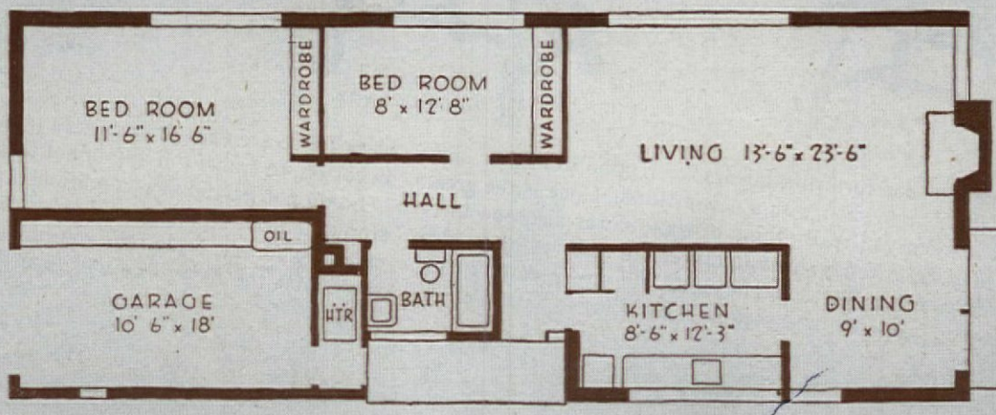
So do not let the new conditions imposed on upholstered furniture stop you from replacing a shabby chair or sofa in your home. Shop carefully for the style best suited to your room scheme; and be assured that the new piece will give you all the use you expect of it.



No Aunt Minnie Cramped these Young

BEING THE STORY OF THE ILLINOIS NEWTONS AND THE CALIFORNIA RAETZES WHO STARTED

THIS IS THE HOME OF THE A. A. NEWTONS, HIGHLAND PARK, ILLINOIS



HARRY M. WEESE
Architect

Data, RUTH W. LEE

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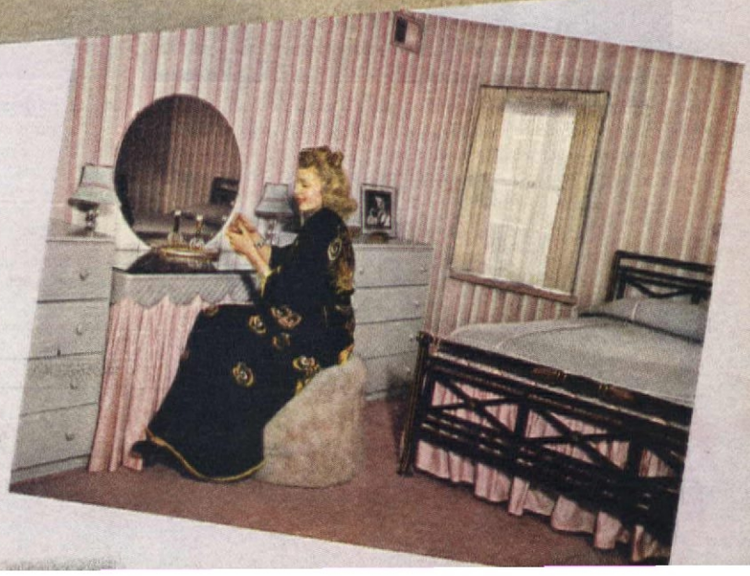




Couples

FROM SCRATCH

"MY DEAR, the young things started absolutely at scratch!" How often you've heard it said in commiserating tones, and yet here's the story of two young couples who feel as many thousands of other young couples must feel—deeply and sincerely grateful that they had no dear old Aunt Minnie from whom to inherit rare antiques. Wanting to live as they like, liking sun and spaciousness and clean, crisp color, Aunt Minnie's inheritances would only have meant "hand-me-downs" around which they would have had to build for the rest of their lives. The Raetzes left behind them Eastern winters—they wanted green growing things not only the year round, but when they were inside the house as well as outside. Glass walls that never shut out the outdoors, incredibly brilliant planning for use of space as well as money, flexible rooms, and unusual decorative schemes—none of these things would have been possible for a young couple designing a five-room Georgian mansion around Aunt Minnie's rare old chest of drawers.



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There'd be no way to make the garden of a piece with the living room if one's plan *had* to be Colonial because of Aunt Minnie's "wash (!) stand of olde pioneer days." Nor would there be a black lacquer and gold foil background for Mrs. Newton's pretty blonde self had she not been able to design her own backgrounds unhampered or cramped by heritages from dear old Aunt Minnie.

Young Harry Weese, architect by profession and now U. S. Navy, and young Newton, present address, U. S. Merchant Marines, went to school together and understood each other perfectly. Mrs. Newton likes modern furniture, modern colors, and modern fabrics, and it was around these likes and needs that the Newton house was planned. It suits them perfectly and even looks as young and fresh and crisp as the Newtons themselves. Following the newer way of thinking, they built a small house on a very ample plot (175'x70') rather than crowding a big house on a small lot, as was the old suburban way. The exterior is of cement blocks, painted white; glass; roof, slate gray asbestos shingles. Ceilings and walls are well insulated. The plan itself, as you can see, is most excellent. One entry serves both service and living areas. There is a covered entrance to garage. In spite of large window openings, there is excellent wall space for furniture arrangement. The dining area and screened terrace have direct access to the kitchen for easy serving. There is ample privacy from street traffic, beautiful view from windows on the garden side.

The L-shaped living-dining room has the threefold charm of dramatic colors, rich modern textures, and a beautifully framed view. The soft blues, greens, and beige were taken from the over-mantel watercolor. Black lacquer pieces give character to the soft pastels. The dining end of the room is papered in gold foil and serves as a dramatic background for Mrs. Newton's black lacquer Regency furniture. A dull gold-textured grass cloth screen separates the dining end from the living end of this interesting and original room.

For their bedroom, Mrs. Newton bought unpainted chests and lacquered them pearl gray to match a gray quilted bedspread and dressing table top. The ruffle of the bed and the skirt of dressing table are dusty rose like the wall-to-wall all-over carved carpeting. Rose and gray striped wallpaper is the background of this pretty bedroom.



"Home" to the Newtons is what home will always be—deep lounge chairs, books and music, an open fire and a dog!

All in all, the Newtons' home is a young couple's house—a modern house that very definitely has style, but not one ounce of "front."

THE Los Angeles home of the Griswold Raetzes is another example of modern planning. Here is modern planning Every square inch of this house has been made to yield maximum comfort and livability. There was neither money nor room to waste. And when you see a very brown little baby wheeled in her carriage from her own room to the patio only a few feet away, you realize that this house is easy to live in because everything has been planned for everyday living—not special effects reserved for important occasions. Here is an excellent solution to their problems and way of living without sacrifice of beauty.



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"The greenest back-yard gardener that ever got a pair of blistered mitts -- that's me! And say -- the problems I've met up with certainly have given me a healthy respect for you Del Monte people. It beats me how you can grow vegetables that are all so good, every year. What's the secret, anyway?"

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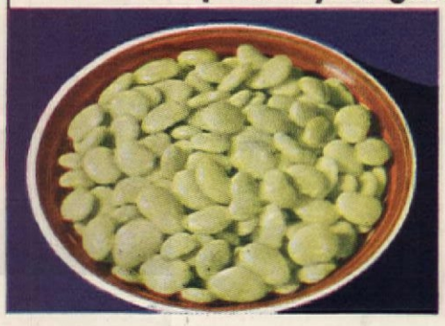
Say we want to plant peas. We've found that only certain areas can produce peas sweet and tender enough to suit us. So we grow them there.

And here's something else. We don't have to cram a day's gardening in between supper and dark, the way you do. We have all day for it—all night too, if necessary.

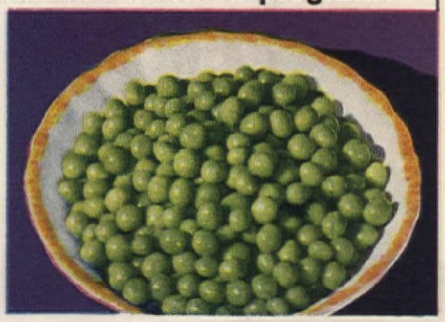
Then, deciding just when to pick your vegetables—that's a ticklish job, isn't it? Remember that hill of marble-sized potatoes you dug up? Then you know from experience that guesswork won't do! Take those peas of ours again. We certainly don't trust the thumbnail test. We use a scientific tenderness gauge. It all but says, "Ready! Not tomorrow—*today!*" In a few hours, that batch of peas is wearing the Del Monte label.

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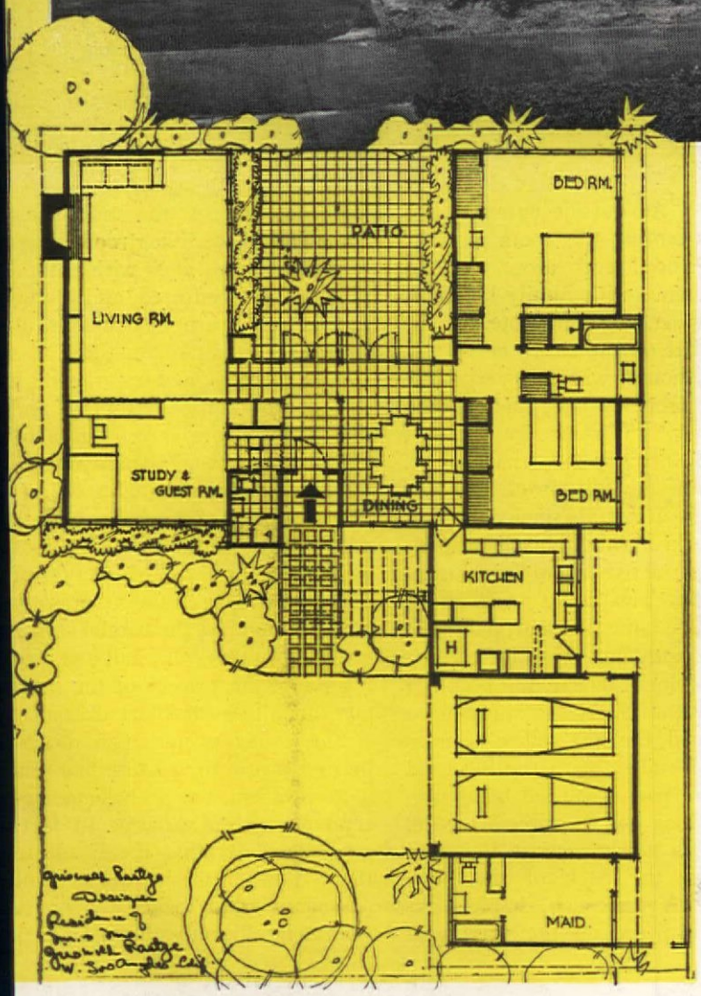


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neither the Aunt Minnie so-called modern!







Data ETHEL McCALL HEAD

The Raetzes followed neither the Aunt Minnie cult nor the cliches of so-called modern. Their house, modern in the best sense, grew from the living needs, materials available, and a definite budget. There was no room in it for any waste space or traditional details. Another advantage, according to Mrs. Raetze, was that they had inherited no old furniture or hand-me-downs. It was essential that they start at scratch on furnishings—and this was an advantage, not a handicap! Theirs would be a house to suit their own ideas and their preferred way of living.

For a little house, there is much flexibility. The dining room is not adequate for entertaining more than a few friends, but, by opening the doors to the patio, one large room is created which is perfect for informal entertaining on a larger scale. Also note how the passage to the bedroom wing is actually part of the dining room, but separate enough so that one does not actually walk through the room. Besides their own bedroom, the Raetzes have a room for their small child and a "separate" maid's room.

It was hoped that some provision could be made for an occasional overnight guest, but it was obvious that a guest room was out of the question for a small house. Mr. Raetze solved this problem very successfully by planning a very long and spacious living room which at one end was partially cut off by means of a low extending bookcase. Draperies can be pulled from wall to wall, thus closing off the study-guest room when the need for an extra sleeping room arose. As a result of this clever planning, the living room has the benefit of being large with windows at both ends most of the time. An additional small bath and a dressing table (when

LOS ANGELES HOME OF MR. AND MRS. GRISWOLD RAETZE, DESIGNED BY MR. GRISWOLD RAETZE

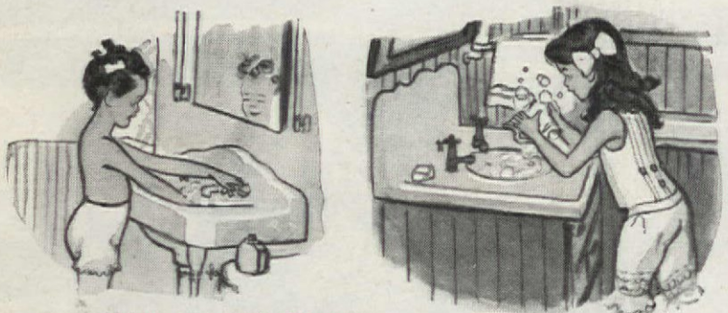
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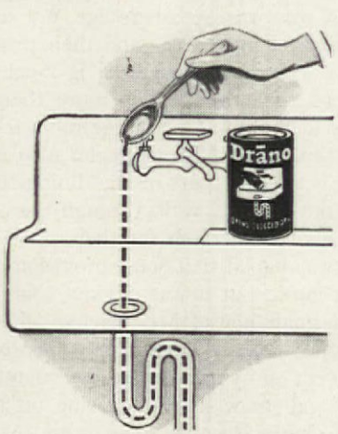


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there is no guest in the house, this dressing table becomes the telephone stand) were tucked between the entrance hall and this study-guest room so that the occasional visitor is well taken care of.

Another interesting point is the placement of the maid's room; it is separated from the house by the garages and has an outside entrance, entirely feasible in a mild climate. An outside entrance also makes renting this room possible, if the need ever arose, without interference with family life. It is interesting, also, to note on the plan that on the entire north side of the house, which is very close to the property line, there are no openings, affording the greatest possible privacy for a narrow lot.

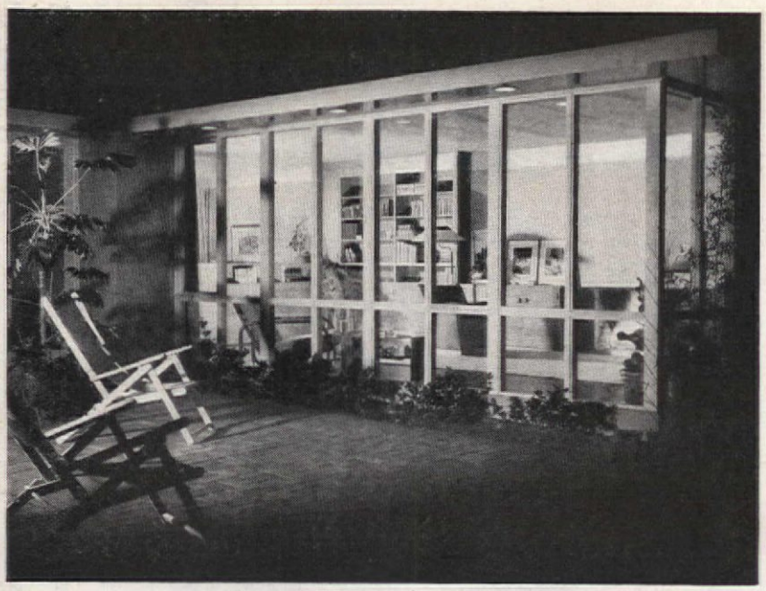
The woodwork throughout the house is a restful, smoky blue on the darkish side. This is surprisingly attractive as well as highly practical. The living room has a deep blue cork tile floor, pale blue walls, and an off-white ceiling which color is repeated in both rug and draperies. At the study-guest room end, the soft yellow of grass cloth, blending with the bleached wood of bookcases and band running along on the fireplace side, contrasts nicely against the deep blue at the back of the book shelves. A rose couch, simple stick-reed furniture on the glass wall side, and accents of red give unusual tone to the blue background.

The draperies, however, are the most exciting news—cement sacking at 9¢ a yard. To be sure, you have to use them with a free hand to give a full, well-draped effect, and Mrs. Raetze used the stupendous amount of 250 yards in the house, but any material would have to be as fully draped for so good an effect. At the study-guest room end of the living room, chartreuse draperies lined with natural cream have been used, and the effect is very warm and delightful.

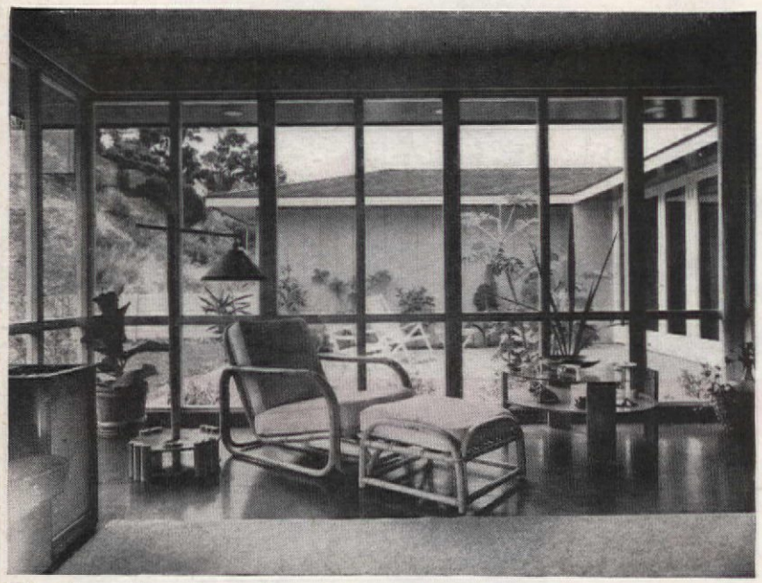


In the dining room, there is a simple Chinese mat on the dark red tile floor, an oblong table, and stick-reed chairs, all serviceable, light in weight, and attractive without being costly. A hanging cabinet of bleached wood on the grass cloth wall gives color, takes the place of a sideboard. The use of big tubs of greens inside the house is extremely pleasant. Against the bamboo blind which separates front hall and dining room, the tracery of the ferns give an almost tropical charm.

For young people with no inherited furniture, a house like this is no problem, but a challenge accepted with enthusiasm. In fact, one might say that the furniture they didn't inherit from Aunt Minnie is what makes the house such an intelligently planned home!



The Raetzes wanted a house that was closely related to the garden. Having left behind Eastern winters, they believed in thoroughly enjoying the California sunshine, flowers, and green even indoors



The floor plan shows how this outdoor feeling was accomplished, further accentuated by use of red tile indoors, and red brick in patio



Glass walls emphasize harmony of interior with outer surroundings. The entire patio side of the living room is glass, as is dining room

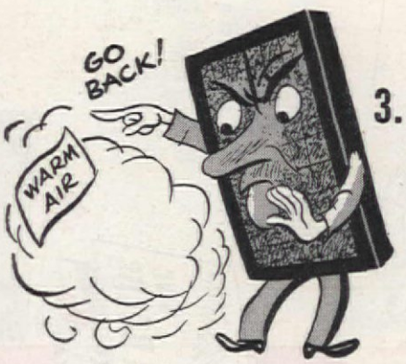
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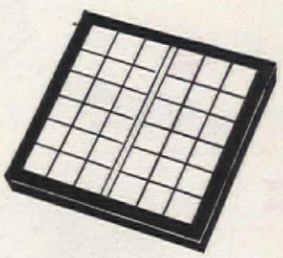
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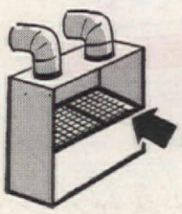
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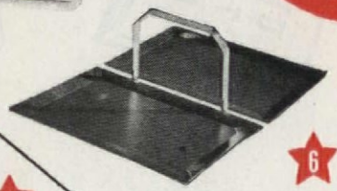
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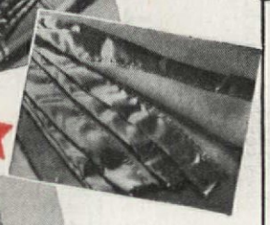


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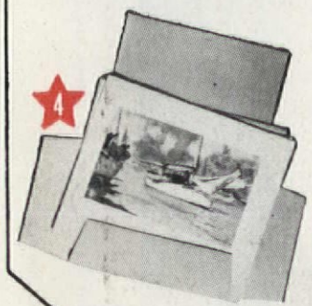




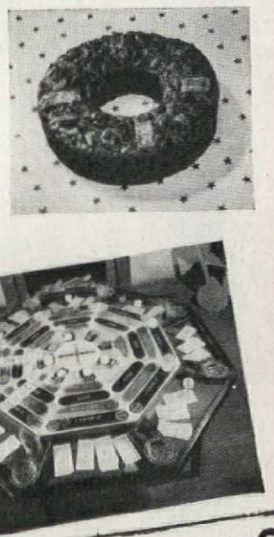




















1. Mrs. is giving Joe a Nu-Plaid 100% wool blanket. Utilitarian? Yes, but smart. Made by Pearce Mfg. Co.; cost about $12.95. . . . 2. If your Joe likes plain colors, a good all-wool buy would be the Seymour Woolen Mills "blue" blanket. About $10.98. . . . 3. The Derby Merry-Go-Round revolving condiment tray will go over big for Joe's culinary specialties. Contains five sauces. About $3.85. . . . 4. A rare opportunity—portfolio of six full-color reproductions of Homer Winslow's outstanding paintings done in the West Indies. 14 x 17 over all. Published by Metropolitan Museum of Art, N.Y.C. $2.50 for set plus 25¢ for postage. . . . 5. A "must" for any man—Wearever Zenith fountain pen $1.95. Pen and pencil set $2.75. . . . 6. Folding Haskelite tray, moisture resistant, well balanced, requires minimum storage space. $1.39. . . . 7. His "rain check" on a favorite rose bush—for spring delivery. Jackson & Perkins. . . . 8. P.S. Please write soon! Let's keep the letters flying! From Eaton. Club size in white, blue, grey, wheat-beige $2. . . . 9. A Seaforth travel kit for the gentleman in your life. Talc and shaving lotion with a difference. $2. . . . 10. Will he "go" for a good rich fruit cake! This one from National Biscuit Co. weighs 5 pounds and costs about $1 a pound. If you like, add your own brandy or rum a couple of weeks before Christmas. . . . 11. For a "fireside detective"—a thriller game —"Mr. Ree." $2 from Selchow & Righter Co. . . . 12. Entertaining his gang will be a cinch with "Pokerou." Fits on any size table. $3 from Home Game Equipment Co. . . . 13. Joe has selected for Mrs. these glamorous little glass pieces from Duncan & Miller. Bowl $2.98; Cornucopia $3.98. . . . 14. Mr. Joe decided that one way to please Mrs. Joe was to give her this miniature florist's box—a rose, orchid, or poinsette design on the cover—and a card to inclose, inscribed to "The Loveliest Lady I Know." Inside, Nail Enamel and Lipstick. Mr. Joe bought this Revlon gift for $1.25 to put in Mrs. Joe's stocking. . . . 15. She'll love Orloff in those wonderful apothecary jars that live on after their contents have gone. Dusting powder, $2.50, cream cologne, $1.25, flower pot-pourri, $1.25. . . . 16. Hoot mon a bonnie case of Highland plaid—Cutex Tuckaway—completely stocked with nail "equipment"—$5. . . . 17. Quaint Old Spice Vanity box with mirror —dusting powder, toilet soap, bath salts, sachet, perfume . . . all this and heaven, too—$5. . . . 18. Perfect in the 1943 stocking, but for the skin! Phillips Milk of Magnesia Cleansing Cream and Skin Cream—60¢ each. . . . 19. Mother will cherish a few special dishes like this lovely Spode in the Aster design from Copeland & Thompson. Dessert plates $2.25 each, creamer $5.60, covered sugar $7.90, cake plate $6.40. . . . 20. The new mother will find Kleinert's Utility Nursery Bag very handy. Waterproofed inside, space for 2 bottles, and diapers. Extra envelope. Pink or blue, $2.95.

CHRISTMAS—"best of all the year"—will be celebrated at the Wrights but not "as usual," for Joe and Mrs. agree that it must be a safe and sane day. There will be no priority on the true Christmas spirit of brotherly love, but it will be "thumbs down" on needless or extravagant spending. Old fashioned holiday spirit rather than lavish buying for them! Of course, war bonds come first.

Sketches by Milt Groth

Sorry, we cannot buy any of these items for you. You'll see them in your favorite shopping center. We've made a ful check on available stock and price at the time of going to press and, to the best of our knowledge, the ation given here is accurate, but, should some unforeseen changes occur, please don't hold it against us or the firm involved blame Mr. Hitler!



"...and I'd just lie back and the house would run itself..."



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Where you'll have a marvelous new kind of Gas heating unit that keeps your home not only warm in winter but washed by cool, fresh air in summer — all without a thought from you . . . where amazing new improvements in Gas refrigeration and cooking save hours of work . . . where hot water galore makes life easier and happier every time you turn the tap . . .

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2. 4-WAY CIRCULATION is the secret. Washed, pure, constantly cold, humidified air circulates through the food chamber. Because Coolerator uses ice in a new way, perishable foods stay fresh longer and their natural goodness and flavor are preserved. Coolerator is full family size, too—and you always have plenty of pure, crystal-clear, taste-free ice for beverages and salads. The lustrous white cabinet is easy to keep clean—just wipe with a damp cloth.



3. "GOSH, there *IS* a Santa Claus," you'll say when you see Coolerator's price—only $72.75 f.o.b. Duluth. Moreover, you never have repair bills because there is nothing to get out of order. Although busy with war work, Coolerator has additional capacity for making this new refrigerator which meets WPB requirements. See your Coolerator dealer, or your ice company, or write The Coolerator Company, Dept. AH8, Duluth, Minn.

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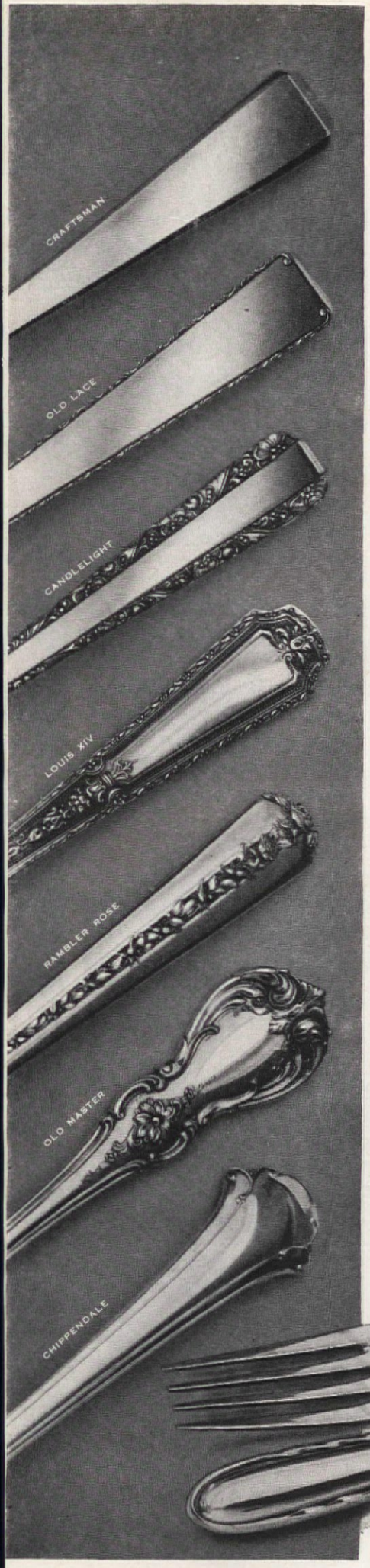
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1. Buddy will be the envy of his gang if he finds a World Atlas under the tree. This one from George S. Heinemann costs $10.50 and may be returned after the war to have new boundary lines affixed. . . . 2. Letter Blox come in very lovely colors—are fascinating and educational for the young child. $3.50 Montgomery Ward. . . . 3. Sailor Boy Peg Boat will entertain his nibs for hours—$1.50 from Holgate. . . . 4. Invasion Barge, Jeep, or Mobile Action gun will be very timely this year—all of wood—$1.59 each. Wood Commodities Corp. . . . 5. Tony Sarg's surprise desk and play outfit made of heavy chip board and gaily decorated is ideal for the pre-school age—B. F. Jay & Co. Price $3.98. . . . 6. Baby's first Christmas rates a crib and clothes tree from Storkline. Comes in various finishes. . . . 7. And he'll have to have his own chair. This one comes in Bradford maple or natural, decorated. Sheboygan Chair Co. . . . 8. Get him started on the right foot! 100% wool felt made by Trimfoot Co. $1.15

9. Little Emkay figure candles are very cute to put in the children's stockings. Santa 35¢; high hat snowman 50¢. . . . 10. His royal highness would love the glamorous touch of baby powder, 25¢ and 50¢ sizes or baby oil, 50¢, $1, and $2.75 sizes. Mennen. . . . 11. "Plantem" a very colorful game for the children—adults will like it too. Selchow & Righter Co. $1. . . . 12. "Piggy back"—a new version of the old rocking horse—for baby. Montgomery Ward has it—$8.25. . . . 13. A chest of drawers for the nursery will really be "one for baby and two for mother." $38.95. Lullabye. . . . 14. Let's don't be extravagant with wrappings this year. There is a limited supply available, but use them wisely—don't waste! Dennison Mfg. Co.



These things mean home



All of you around the piano, singing old songs, new songs . . . Sister playing the first bars of the Moonlight Sonata, over and over again . . . Junior, doggedly practicing scales . . . you two, remembering your past together, step by step, tune by one-fingered tune . . . these things mean home.

The square brick fireplace . . . the whole crowd sitting in the firelight, laughing, burning marshmallows . . . the chair in front of it, with the cushion that doesn't puff out any more . . . the place where the dogs always crowd against each other . . . these things mean home.



And your table . . . shining in the clear morning sunlight, two places set on a gay cloth . . . a luncheon, in delicate pastel . . . memories of smiling faces, candlelight, and gleaming Sterling Silver on damask . . . these things mean home.

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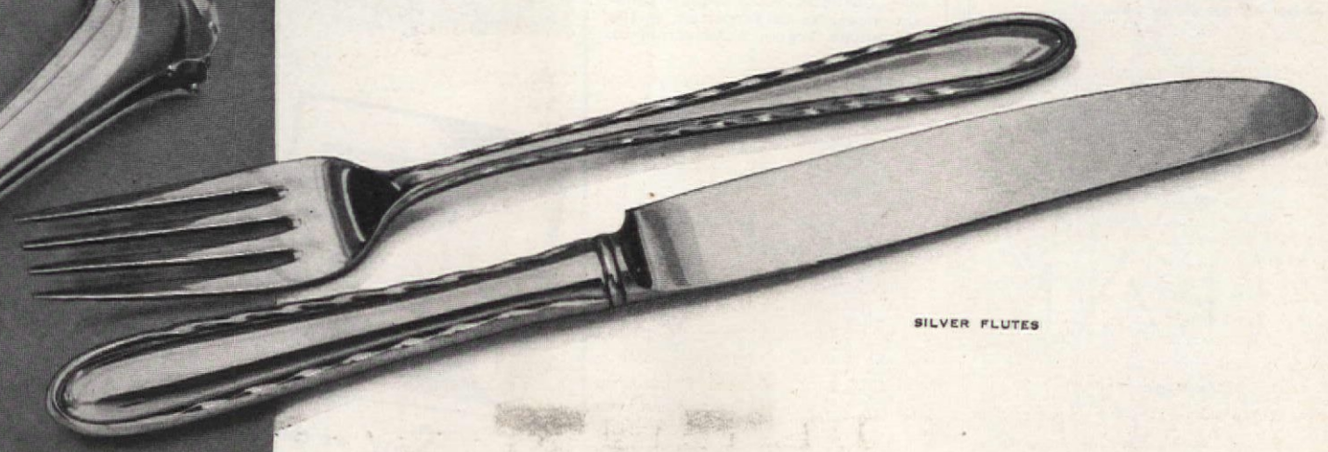
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WE must be very realistic this Christmas—it is not only good taste, but good sense to buy wisely and well. Make replacements for the home if possible, or add to that new home which necessarily has been quite sparce. Our government has asked us not to buy to excess or without due thought—the reason is indeed well founded and well known to all. If in doubt, let's buy a war bond—Uncle Sam calls it "a present with a future."

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FOR A *Merry Christmas*

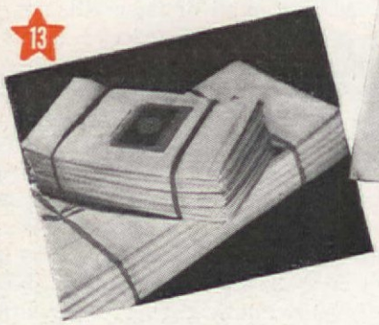


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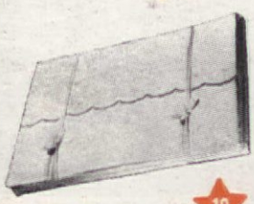
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items in your favorite shopping center. We have checked stocks and please don't hold any unforeseen changes in prices or merchandise against the firms concerned or against us at this pressing time!



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FOR YOUR HOME



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Designed by Milt Groth

WHEN the night before Christmas comes around, if you grownups have finished off any or all of these gifts for youngsters, your labors will be greeted with shouts of joy come Christmas-tree time in the morning.

A 636: Instruction and drawings for making the auto, trailer truck, and train. Use scrap lumber for these grand toys that are easy to make. **10 cents.**

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American Home Pattern A 637

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American Home Pattern A 638



Designed by Bertram Brownold





"My parents must be a bright young couple with blue eyes and plans for the future"



***"I WANT** to be brought up* RIGHT, *Mr. Stork. I want a mother who'll have time to* listen *to me and* talk *with me and have* FUN *with me—and not be a cross-patch 'cause she's so* TIRED *all the time.*

"Fact is—I want a family that's plannin' to get their housework done in less 'n half the time it takes now. Sure *it'll take super-dooper equipment—even a lot of wonderful things that haven't been born yet . . . either. But, like me, these things are on their way. And I figure a pair of* smart *parents will know it!"*

FANTASTIC? . . . to think such magic can come to your home? To think that you can own thrilling new equipment that will work *better* . . . last longer . . . need *less* attention and repair.

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A REALLY PRACTICAL XMAS GIFT! This is a year for *practical* Christmas presents . . . and Vigoro is a "natural". It's a gift your gardening friends will appreciate . . . *plenty!*



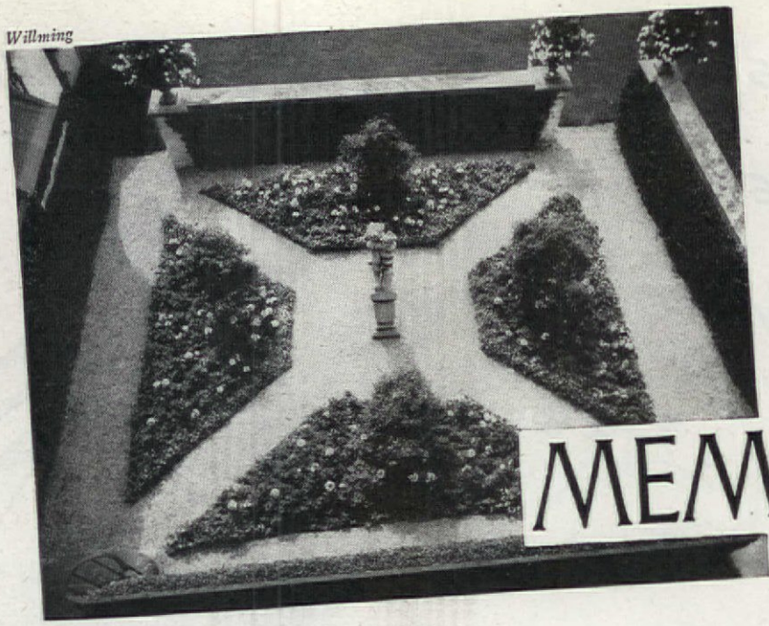
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PARKS FOR MEMORIALS

IT'S NOT WAR WE WOULD HONOR, BUT MEN. WHAT BETTER WAY THAN WITH BEAUTIFUL PARKS?

ONE of the fruits of every war is a crop of memorials to those who gave their lives because of it. With some pretty grim examples still before us of the forms these well meant tributes can take, why don't we decide right now, and take steps to make sure, that all future war memorials shall be things of living, increasing beauty that people can use and benefit by with continuing gratitude for the tributes themselves as well as what they stand for?

The idea of memorial plantings is not new, but often it has taken the unsatisfactory form of individual trees along highways where the sentimental aspect is jeopardized by the likelihood of injuries or neglect. Memorial gardens in the shape of new or improved plantings around public buildings and monuments were suggested in connection with Memorial Day in 1942 by Governor Prentiss Cooper of Tennessee, chairman of the National Advisory Garden Committee. But the trend of thought is now toward memorial parks, and an important step has been taken in the appointment by the American Association of Nurserymen of a committee, headed by W. A. Natorp of Cincinnati, to formulate suggestions, standards and a program for the assistance and guidance of interested communities and organizations.

Here is a splendid project for garden clubs, women's clubs, patriotic groups of all kinds—perhaps headed by the American Legion—now that food gardening has been established as a regular phase of home and community activity. Here, also, is a possible solution of the problem of the future of many a magnificent private estate, endangered by family dispersal, unavailable labor, prohibitive maintenance costs. Some may become part of educational institutions, to be



Photographs from Vincent Edwards and The University of Chicago

There are plants and designs to meet all needs, from rest and enjoyment to research and public education



Mary's first date

brought me up to date

LAST NIGHT when I let in Mary's first beau I almost tripped over her old doll carriage. Then, when she came downstairs in her first long dress I stumbled again . . . on something I should have seen long ago.

Mary wasn't a kid any more. In just a few years she'd be a young lady!

Maybe it happens to every father. You don't notice that your little girl isn't playing with dolls until you open a door and a boy says, "I'm taking Mary to the high school dance." . . . You don't observe the gradual changes which are constantly taking place in your family life until something surprises you into taking a fresh view . . .

That boy with the shy grin helped bring me up to date on my family. He started me thinking about the way their needs and my ambitions for them had changed since the last time I bought life insurance. Then it was just the sort of protection I wanted them to have. But measured against what I want for them now, it didn't quite fill the bill. I realized that just as Mary had outgrown pigtails without my noticing it, I had outgrown my life insurance.

This morning I had a serious talk with a John Hancock agent. He discussed things I'd been thinking about as well as things that hadn't entered my head — my social security benefits, what my wife could expect to earn if she had to, how much it would cost to give the children the right educational start. Then he worked out a new life insurance plan that fits the pattern of my particular family life down to the last detail. What surprised me most was how *little* it added to my family budget to get life insurance *big* enough for my family's needs.

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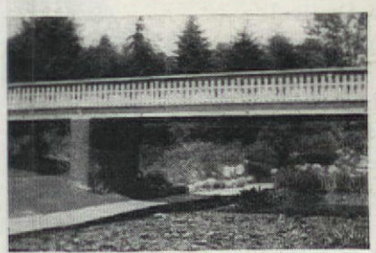
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In Millbrook's Tribute Garden



a flagged walk leads from the entrance gate to the playground. A footbridge crosses a small pond

one of the intimate plantings near the mansion, from which ideas could be developed for small memorial gardens in cities.

However, a shining example of the real memorial park is the first world war Tribute Garden in Millbrook, Duchess County, New York, three views of which are shown on these two pages. Planned and planted with rare vision by the local garden club more than twenty years ago, and still maintained by it, this six acres of formerly bare hillside and useless swamp has become a lovely oasis of trees, shrubs, and flowers, winding paths and shady nooks, a little pond and bog garden and, on its leveled summit, a children's playground, 350 by 120 feet, with swings, slides and teeters enjoyed by droves of youngsters. At one end, a semicircular concrete seat bears a tablet with the names of the men of Washington Township who saw service; beyond it is another play space with a wading pool and a vine-covered arbor for parents to enjoy. At the other end of the playground stand four quadrangles of clipped maples, 165 trees in all, planted by the families of the fighting men whom they and the whole park honor.

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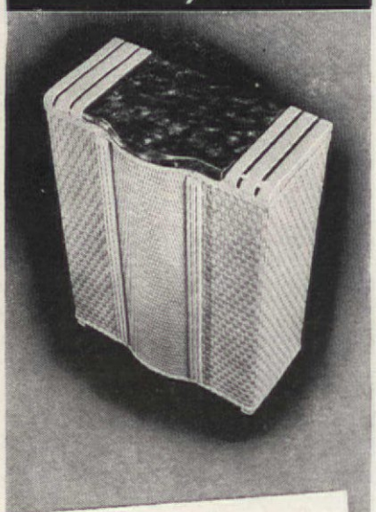
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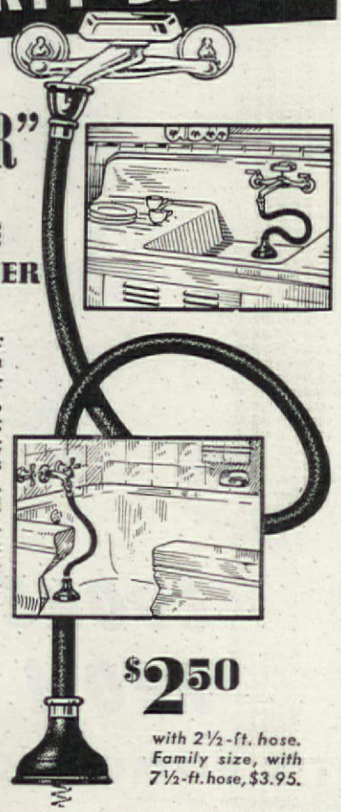
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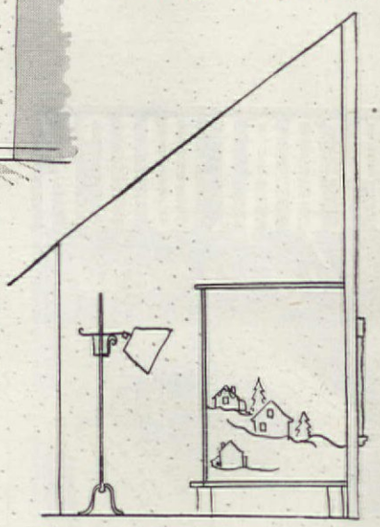
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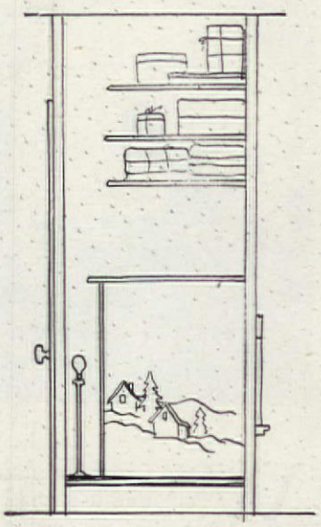


Paste a wallpaper house around the Peek Show window. Children will love it! Or make yours a real "show" by hiding its "workings" in the closet

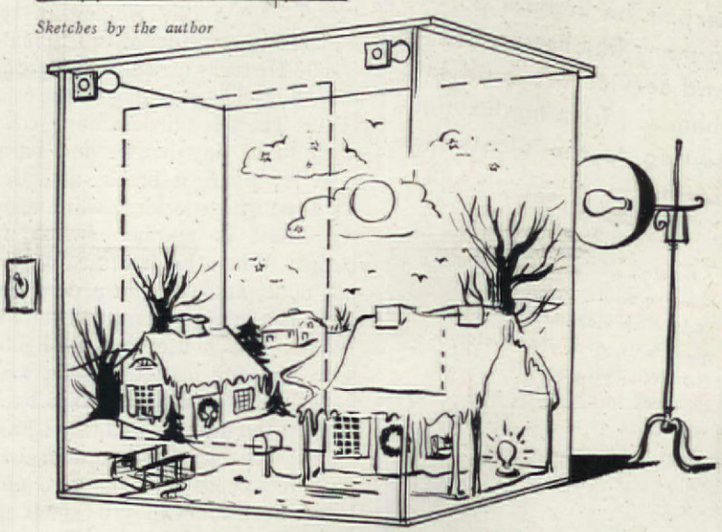
back of the setting (sketch below).

Making a miniature setting is largely a matter of collecting bits of this and that. Paint, glue, and imagination will do most of the work. Hilly foundations can be molded into almost any shape by working papier-mache over mounds of crushed newspaper placed on the floor of a box. Houses can be made from boxes with Christmas tree or tiny lights fastened down inside (allow room for ventilation). Realistic trees and hedges can be found as easily as getting them in your own yard—the common clipped hedges is made up of little tree shapes. Sharpen the trunks, dip in glue, and stick into the hardened papier-mache foundation.

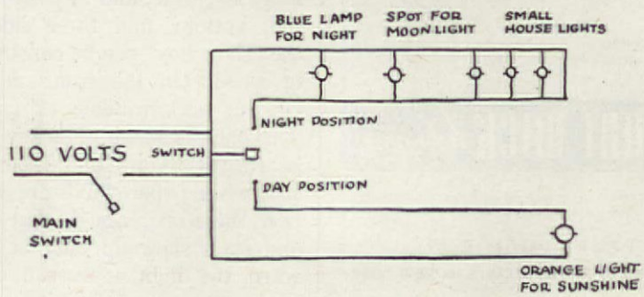




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Diagrams are basic for a simple or an elaborate "show." Paint, glue, and imagination create the tiny landscape





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2 teaspoons salt
1½ cups sugar
½ cup shortening
2 eggs, well-beaten
2 teaspoons vanilla

Combine raisins, rind, spices, and water in saucepan. Cover and cook gently 8 minutes. Drain, pressing out as much liquid as possible. Measure liquid, add water or coffee to make 1½ cups; reserve. Grind raisins with nuts.

Sift flour once, measure, add baking powder, salt, and sugar; sift together three times. Cream shortening thoroughly. Add flour mixture, eggs, vanilla, and liquid; stir until all flour is dampened, then beat vigorously 2 minutes. Add raisin-nut mixture; mix well. Turn into two 9x4x3-inch loaf pans which have been greased, lined with brown paper, and again greased. Bake in moderate oven (350° F.) 1 hour 15 minutes, or until done. Let stand 5 minutes on cake rack; remove from pan, leaving paper attached. Cool. To store, wrap in cloth and keep in cake box. Frost one loaf or top with nuts or leave plain for easy packing to send away. (*All measurements are level.*)



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So your particular fireplace has always been a little cranky? It smokes a wee bit when the draft isn't just so? Or maybe it smokes a lot? Nonsense! All defects are correctable and the fine art of tending a hearth fire is soon mastered.

Ventilation engineers who have made a study of why fireplaces misbehave have discovered that it's usually a matter of what they call the "draft ratio." For smokeless operation the fireplace opening ought to be eleven times as large in area as the narrowest portion of the flue—*and no larger*. With a foot rule and the ordinary variety of simple arithmetic, you ought to be able to find out how close your fireplace comes to this ideal. The interior dimensions can be found on the architect's blue prints. Lacking these, dustier research with a flashlight and mirror ought to yield the measurements.

Suppose that the flue is lined with eight inch square chimney tiles, making the cross section area 64 square inches. Using the 11:1 ratio prescribed, it takes no mathematical genius to discover that the fireplace opening to fit this size flue should be no larger than 704 square inches. This might mean an opening thirty inches wide and twenty-three or twenty-four inches high—pleasing and practical proportions. By maintaining the 11:1 ratio, the draft which sweeps into the fireplace will be strong enough to insure that all smoke and combustion gases go up the flue where they belong instead of billowing out into the room. A smaller fireplace opening would make the draft too violent—wasting fuel. A larger fireplace opening would make the draft sluggish and the room a place fit only for persons wearing gasmasks. Don't ask what makes this ratio of 11:1 magical. Engineers disagree on the theory, but in practice it works and a little thing like two inches of brickwork can make all the difference between a pleasant and a smoky room.

A flue which is too large can be effectively reduced by a chimney pot or an extra course of brickwork set in cement at the chimney top, using bricks set endwise to make the opening smaller. Where a flue is too small, the removal of an *existing* chimney pot may be all that is needed. Sometimes a flue in need of cleaning may have as much as four inches of soot deposited inside. Although this can be removed by an amateur

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handyman by pulling a sack of straw through the flue with a stout rope, it is really a job left best to professional chimney cleaners with mechanized equipment. In any case the effective flue diameter will be increased—probably enough to remove the cause of fireplace smoking.

If, because of faulty construction, the flue is still too small or the opening still too large, the last expedient consists of actually blocking off a part of the fireplace opening. Brickwork at the sides will do it. Raising the hearth level three inches with a layer of firebricks will eliminate 108 square inches of opening in a three-foot fireplace; so will a brass "hood" which projects downward from the upper edge of the opening. Suit the alteration to fit your own taste and your



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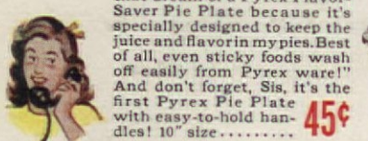
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own fireplace, but never forget the magic numerical ratio 11:1.

If fireplace alteration is easy, the art of tending a fire is no more complex. First of all, resist the temptation to start a fire with a heap of old newspapers. If you must use paper to start a fire (and traditionalists frown upon this), use only a sheet or two crumpled loosely. The best kindling is a fat pine splinter fairly oozing rosin. Touch a match to it, and the hot blaze resulting will ignite anything combustible. Lacking fat pine, whittle three or four "fuzz-birds" out of dry slivers of wood, set them tepee fashion in the center of the hearth, place three dry, heavier billets crosswise on the fire-dogs and set the thing going with one match—no more. Purists will groan at this suggestion; but if you can't start a fire any other way, you won't fail if you use as kindling one of those waxed cardboard containers in which milk is sold in most cities.

The secret of a good log fire lies chiefly in the manner in which it is laid. Above the kindling should be laid three logs. The two lower ones must be smaller so that they will "catch" most readily, while the third log, above and between them, may be heavier. This is the basis of your fire, and once it is well started, you may consider the situation well under control. Wood without bark starts easier than wood with bark, and splits catch easier than full rounds. Place them carefully on the andirons or in the grate or fire basket so they will not roll out. Arrange them so that there is an air space between the logs through which the kindling flames can lick. While you're engaged in this, *have the door open!*

The best wood for open fires is black locust or hickory. White oak, ash, sugar maple, come next. In the third rank are such woods as chestnut, cedar, white pine, and hemlock. California redwood will hardly burn at all. The heavier the wood is, the better it will burn. In all cases seasoned wood—that is, wood which has stood under cover a year and dried out, is preferable. Green logs will burn, but as much as 34% of their weight can be water, and heat is wasted causing this water to evaporate as steam.

One rule of hearth tending which seems to have been forgotten nowadays is to let the ashes remain. So don't sweep the hearth clean every day with that little fibre besom from the antique shop. Let the ashes overflow almost to the edge of the hearth. Wood ashes help conserve the heat. The best housekeepers are the worst fire tenders.

Give the War bride A BATHROOM SHOWER!



The first rule for a successful bathroom shower is to be sure all the gifts go with the bride's desired color scheme. For heaven's sake, find out what it is. Next, list the gifts you decide upon on separate slips of paper and put them in a box. Then have a grab bag to see who gives what. Here are some suggestions to guide you.

Towels? Oh, yes, you can get some lovely ones in any color she'll want. And they're just as fluffy as ever Get her six. And of course, face cloths to match. Again six is a good number.



A bath set is a welcome gift. Give her matching bath mat and seat cover in soft, wooly, chenille. And then perhaps a shower curtain. They come in patterns and colors to match bathroom curtains. So add curtains to your list.



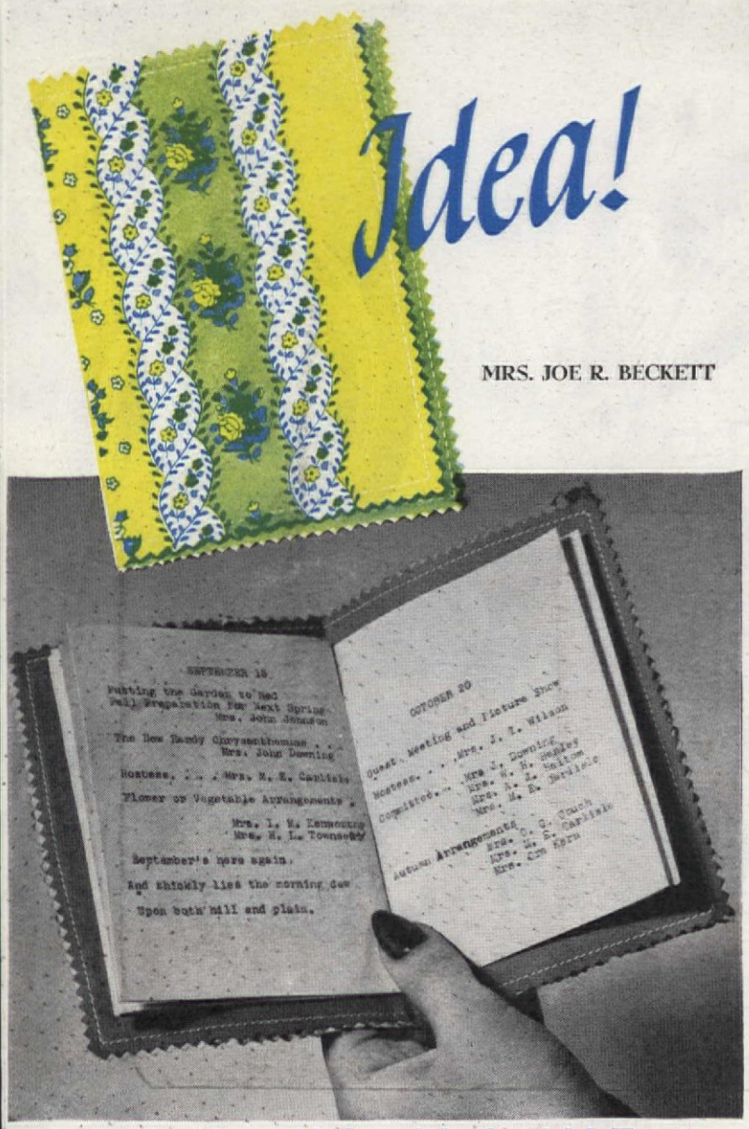
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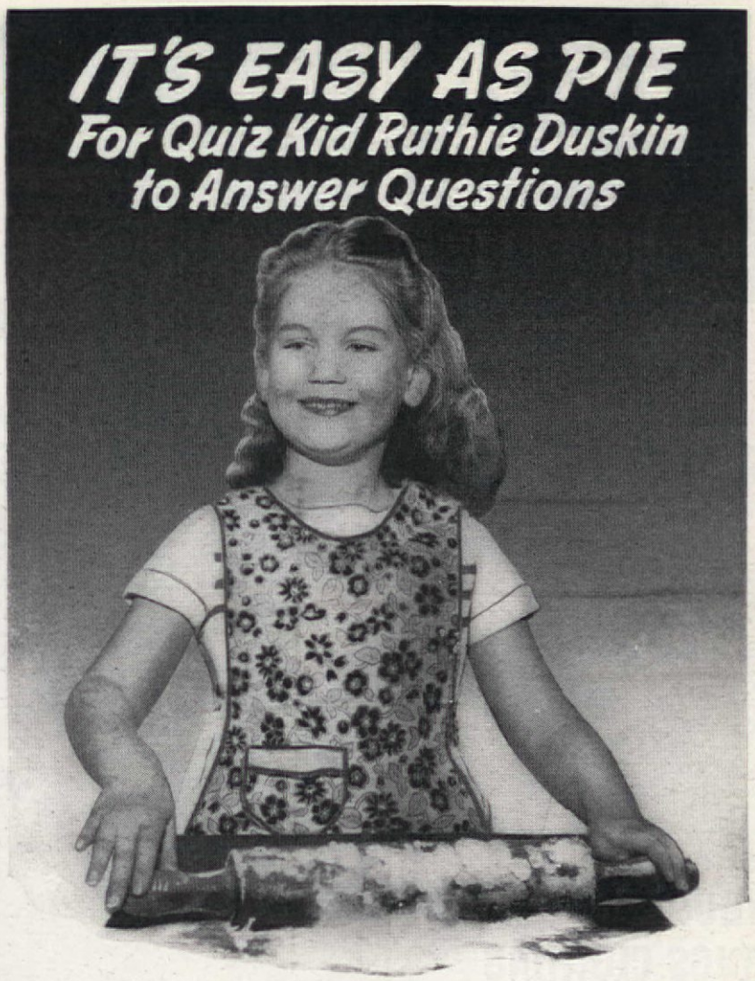
For a Garden Club with Orchid Tastes and a Dandelion Purse!

F. M. Demarest

AT LEAST once a year, every garden club decides that a year book of its coming programs is essential to its usefulness and dignity. The members even go so far as to elect a year book committee. But alas, the year book idea is soon vetoed when the committee members report that a three-figure appropriation will be needed to pay off the printer and the binder. Again and again, year after year, the project is enthusiastically proposed, voted for, then vetoed unanimously.

But the small garden club with orchid tastes and dandelion purse *can* have a year book, one just as attractive as any larger and more prosperous organization. It takes a few evenings' work and some cooperation.

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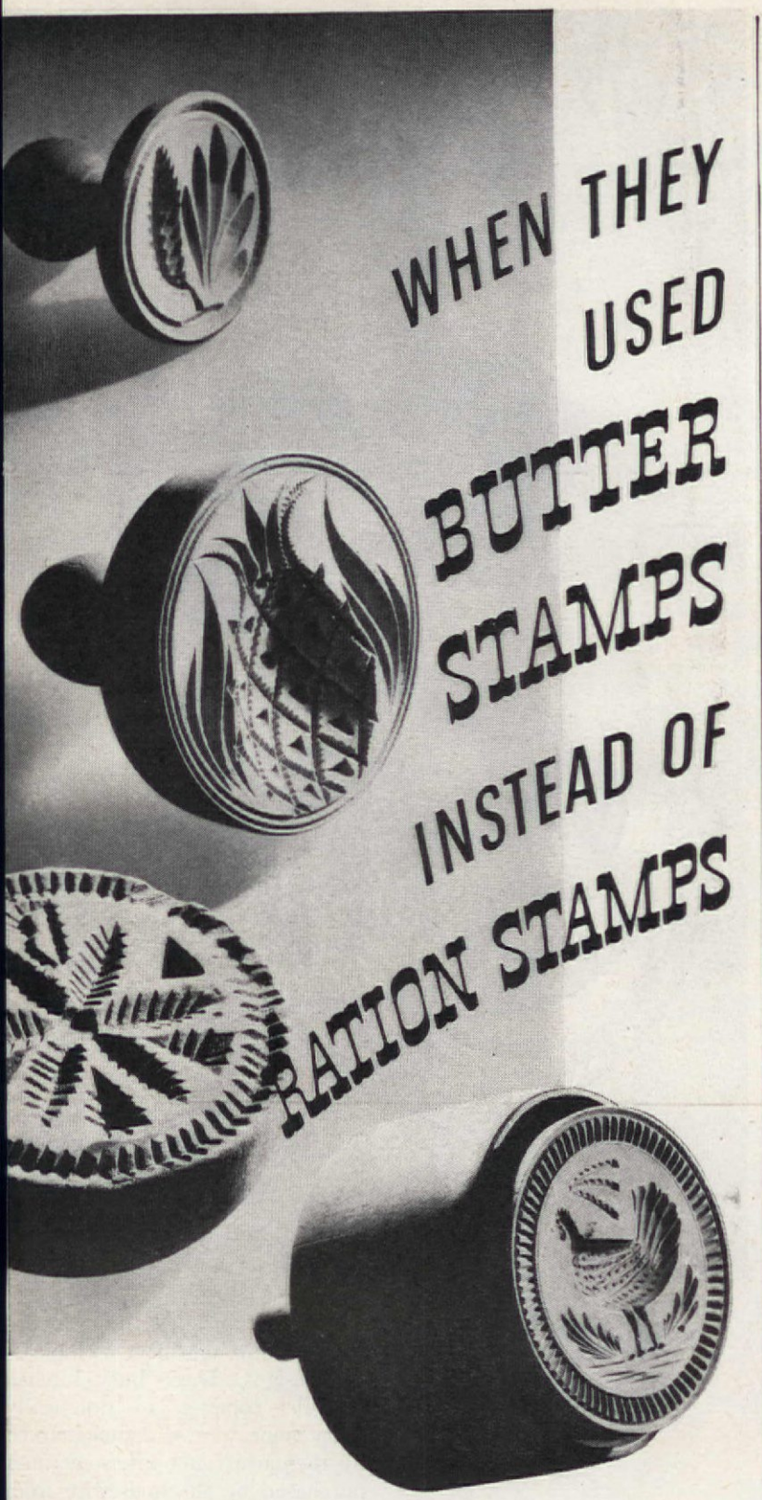


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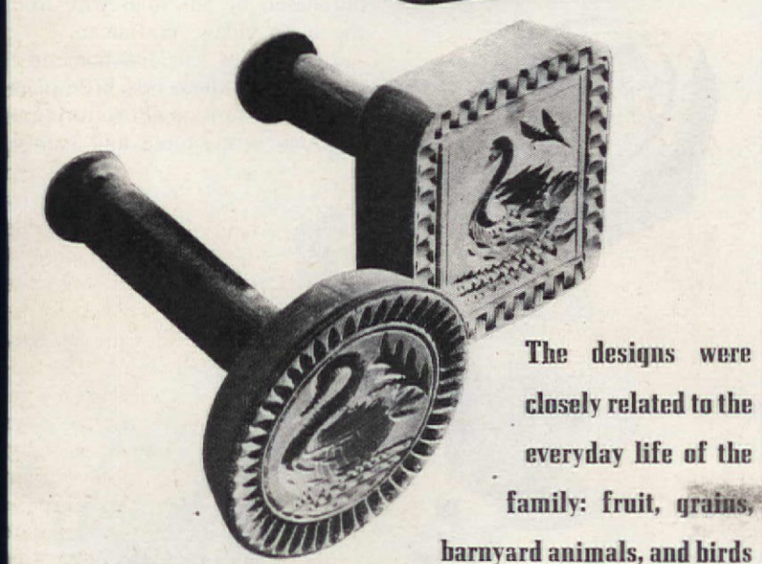


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TODAY, the mere sight of butter on the family dinner table is enough to arouse eager anticipation of its cool, sweet, creamy delight. Even the memory of the stamp recently detached from a ration book hardly dims the pleasure. If any present-day housewife should decide to decorate her modest supply of butter with an interesting design, in a deliberate attempt to make it even more appealing to the family appetite, she would be unnecessarily "gilding the lily." The presence of the unadorned butter on the table is attraction enough. A few generations ago, however, in the days when every rural family did its own churning, butter was seldom taken to the table without being especially decorated for the purpose. Wooden butter molds and butter stamps were used to shape the creamy mass into interesting



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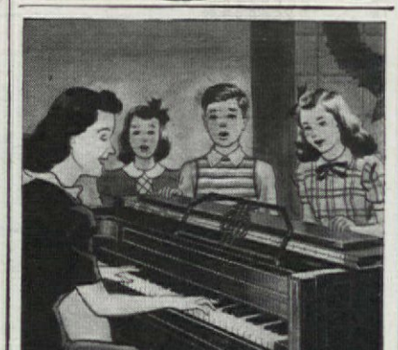
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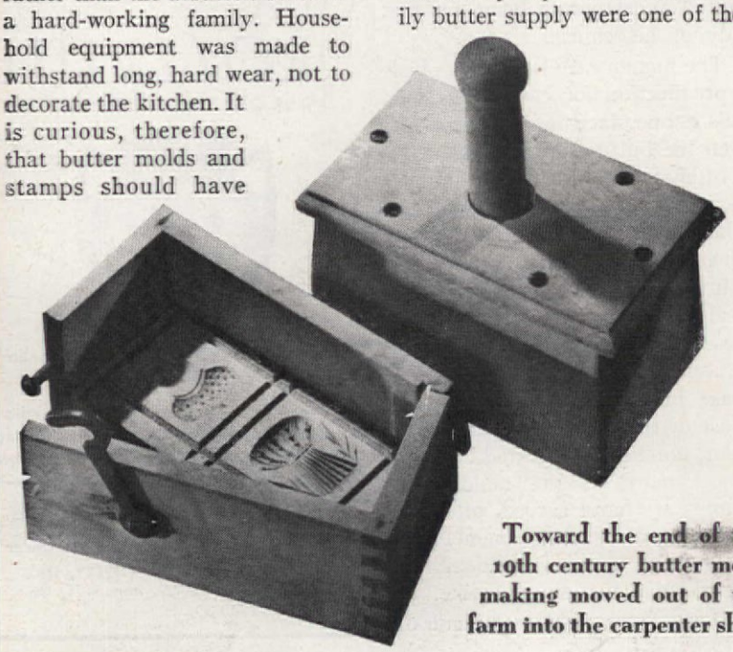


forms and to imprint it with pleasing designs. These busy kitchen utensils, common to practically every home, were sometimes carved by the farmer himself, sometimes purchased by the housewife from the local village craftsman.

In the New England home of a century ago, there was little place for idle decoration. Furniture and clothing were simple and sturdy.



Food was plain and hearty, prepared to satisfy the appetite rather than the aesthetic sense of a hard-working family. Household equipment was made to withstand long, hard wear, not to decorate the kitchen. It is curious, therefore, that butter molds and stamps should have been singled out to be carved with artistic designs. The patterns which they imprinted on the family butter supply were one of the



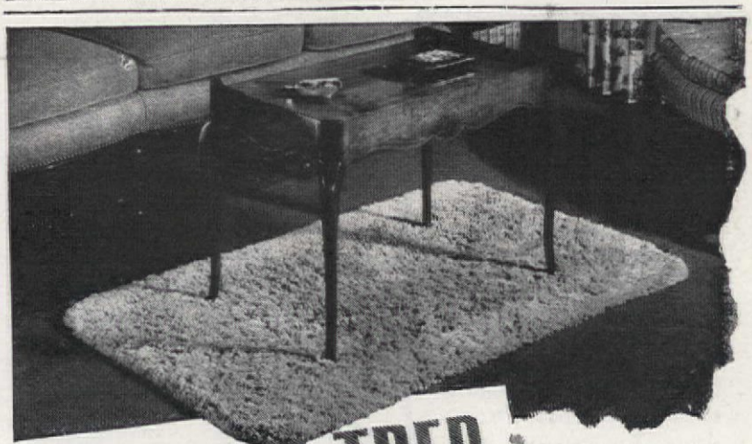
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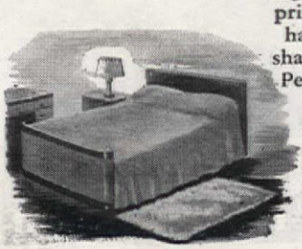
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few decorative touches among otherwise simple surroundings.

The designs on the older butter molds and stamps are hand carved. The majority of them represent the animals of the farm or the flowers and grains of the fields. All of them are closely related to the everyday life of the family which used them. The sheaf of wheat was one of the most common subjects and symbolizes the happy state of *plenty*, also represents bread, staff of life. Many of the motifs are reminiscent of the flowers and trees in the pastures where the cows used to graze, or of the grains that grew in nearby fields. There are sprays of daisies or asters, graceful ferns, thistles with their spiney leaves, and, as a sort of pun—buttercups. Among other designs are a cluster of strawberries, ripe on the stem; a large and luscious bunch of grapes; a conventionalized raspberry, the flower and the fruit; an acorn, flanked by oak leaves. Some molds and stamps are even graced by portraits of the family cow herself. Various fowls are also immortalized in wood—plump hens, majestic roosters, and graceful swans.

Among the more unusual designs, there are several interesting examples of symbolism. Occasionally a superstitious housewife prudently decorated her freshly churned butter with a "hex" mark in some form of cross. She hoped that this would prevent witches or other formidable inhabitants of the spirit world from turning it rancid. Another popular stamp bears an artistic horseshoe for good luck. A conventionalized pineapple, the symbol of hospitality, was a silent, but sincere welcome to guests. Some families paid a patriotic tribute to their country by choosing American eagles or shields, and many a gallant young swain carved an elaborate heart for the lady of his choice.

The human race has always had a predilection for carving its initials in one place and another. Not even the butter stamp escaped. It is often found bearing the initials of the owner. The designs on still other molds and stamps are simple, conventionalized leaves, six or eight pointed "star" flowers, or geometrical patterns composed of circles, crescents, and stars. The motifs are always carefully planned to fit the space in which they are carved. Most of them are enclosed in circular, notched, or serrated borders. Since many of the molds and stamps are hand carved, often by some ingenious male member of the family, there are seldom two designs that are exactly alike.

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When more butter was made than could be consumed in the home, farmers began to sell their surplus supply. By means of butter molds, it was measured out into two pound, pound, or half pound portions, and was marked with the design of the maker. Customers were likely to choose butter by satisfactory experience with the same design. Thus the butter mold became one of the early methods of trade-marking. Grocery stores still refer to their neatly wrapped, measured product as *print* butter.

There are still a few stamps and molds aging in dark, forgotten corners of some old barn, or standing dusty and overlooked on an obscure shelf in an antique shop. These old utensils have outlasted their usefulness in the art of butter decoration. They have not, however, outlived their interest nor their value as historic Americana.

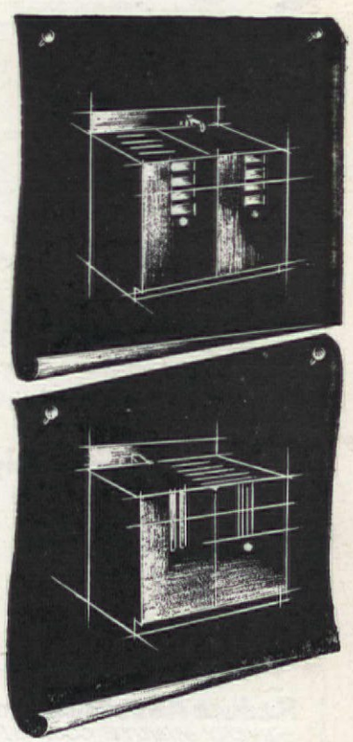


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YOU can eat your vitamins, watch your diet, correct your posture, and do all the things that Beauty Editors badger you about, but unless you know how to dress the Body Beautiful in the right lines and colors, you'll never make the most of You. We asked Renie, RKO's smart designer, for some type tips. After all she has all sizes and shapes to cope with in Hollywood, and they have similar problems, even as you and I.



Elaine Shepard, 5' 6"

tall tall tall tall tall tall

MISS TALL: We've chosen RKO's Elaine Shepard, one of the most famous models in the world before she went into pictures, as our Exhibit A. She's 5'6" and wears what a tall girl should to capitalize on her height, and does not try to hide it under a tall bushel. In other words, the tall gal can wear attention getting clothes and get away with them. For her is the brilliant colored hat, the wide gauntlet gloves to match. For her, too, is the tremendous bag, the large, dashing print, the interesting scarf, and big fur collars. To cut her height, she goes in for horizontal lines in trimming, for contrast in upper and lower part of her costume. She is the ideal blouse and skirt girl. She it is who can wear, and get away with it, heavy, exotic jewelry and big earrings. In other words, everything about the tall girl should be in proportion to her size. Her colors are beautiful, striking shades. If she's tall *and* thin, she avoids plain dark colors without contrast or accent. There's one very important point, however, that makes all the difference. She's got to carry herself well.



Barbara Hale, 5' 4½"

medium medium medium medium

MISS MEDIUM: She's the lucky one. If she's well proportioned, like five-foot-four-and-a-half Barbara Hale, featured in RKO's *Higher and Higher*, she can wear almost anything. Any line is good on her except those that cut her down. After all, she doesn't want to make herself any smaller. As in the case of Miss Tall, everything about Miss Medium should be in scale for her size. She'd look like something under a toad stool in a great big hat for instance, and a big bag would weigh her down. Speaking of hats, they can do a great deal for this medium lady. Color is her most helpful accessory. She should experiment with it! According to Renie, what Miss Medium must watch out for very carefully is mediocrity in her clothes. Just because she is neither tall nor short doesn't mean that she has to take the "middle of the road" in her dress. She's not interested particularly in making herself appear smaller or larger, so she can put the emphasis on the individual and avoid that chic-like sameness that, according to Renie, is the curse of American women in dress.



Teresa Wright, 5' 2½"

short short short short short

MISS SHORT: Take Teresa Wright, starring in Goldwyn's RKO release *Those Endearing Young Charms*. She's 5' 2½" and smart as anything, but it takes a little clothes thought and planning, even for this young star. Miss Short has a big problem to avoid. She mustn't look cute. It's all right in her play clothes and around-the-house-dresses, but outside . . . no, but definitely. The new types of dresses this winter are exceptionally good for her. They're snug and straight, so they give her height. That's her aim. The main point of interest on the little gal should be concentrated around her face. That's where smart little collars, fascinating small hats, and the like come in to help out in the picture. Accessories should be on the small side, naturally . . . a little girl shouldn't be left holding a big bag, for instance. An unbroken line below the face is another trick to add height to the short gal. Brilliant belts, contrasting bands on skirts, anything that will bring the eye low will automatically cut off a few inches from her small height. Color is important for her.

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Make-up for you

YOU MAY BE TALL, YOU MAY BE MEDIUM, YOU MAY BE A SHORTIE. YOU MAY BE A BRUNETTE, A REDHEAD, OR A BLONDE, BUT WHATEVER YOUR HEIGHT OR COLORING, THERE ARE LINES AND COLORS THAT ARE RIGHT FOR YOU. HERE'S HOW!

DO wear horizontal lines, yokes, large pockets, contrasting fabric for skirt and top. . . Do wear full skirts: gathered, pleated, or circular. Step out in bold plaids or prints, jumpers with big pockets; wide sleeves and yokes. Wear bulky topper with circular skirt, raglan sleeves on a straight coat . . . bunchy, bulky furs in flared jacket styles . . . large brimmed hats, and hats that make a round frame for the face. Try a contrasting band of color at the midriff for breaking that long, lean line. If you're the dramatic type, you can wear a cape and be very dashing.

DON'T wear tightly fitted dresses or princess lines. . . If you're thin and tall, don't wear black satin; a gay soft texture will be more becoming. And don't wear solid dark colors without some contrast or accent. . . Don't wear vertically striped fabrics, straight up and down skirts, small figured prints. Don't carry dinky pocket books or wear "itsy bitsy" accessories. Above all, don't be afraid to be tall and proud of it!

tall tall tall tall

DO if you're medium height and on the plump side, wear perpendicular lines, princess or redingotes, V-shaped neckline, long slim sleeves, contrasting panel from neck to hem. If you have hip problems, width in clothes should come above waist in horizontal stripes, with verticals in skirt . . . peplums help camouflage, especially when used with wide shoulder effect, so does draping at hip with interest to center. Contrasting collar and cuffs help, as do wide necklines.

DON'T wear billow skirts, too boxy coats or coats with belts, the reefer type is better . . . too heavily furred collars (flat fur is the best bet). If your medium and hippy, don't wear wide belts if you must wear any . . . wear form fitting clothes, pencil slim skirts that emphasize width above. Don't wear wide, padded shoulders, big, heavy jewelry, overpowering bags. If you're busty, don't wear wide necklines, broad shoulders, starkly tailored jackets, and narrow pleated skirts.

medium medium medium

DO use vertical lines to add height to your figure, small, widely placed prints . . . eliminate belts or use narrow ones if you must. Go in for princess lines, fitted sports vests and seamed skirts, fitted suits with insert flares, tailored suits with slim trouser pressed skirts . . . wear flat furs or use scarves of the smaller skins. Get yourself some smart neckware by way of frilly lingerie bows, not too big, dainty collars. Wear jackets on the long side and keep them slim . . . long yokes with soft fullness, long-line bodices, and small trim. Do wear almost any color; and when the good old days come back again, have your shoes a part of your color ensemble.

DON'T wear contrasting jackets and skirt, it cuts your height . . . large hats and accessories, bouffant skirts or peasant dirndles, belted coats, long furred collars . . . large bold prints, big plaids, or horizontal stripes. Don't wear peplums or too wide revers. No matter how much you love them, don't wear two or three color effects in trying to "wear almost any color".

(More on the next page)

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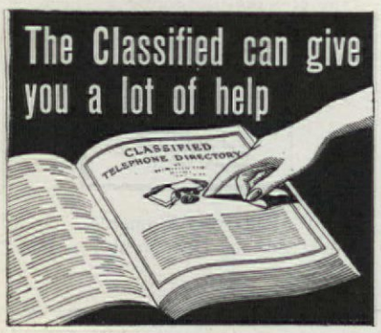
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ON COLOR AND MAKE-UP

You will not only fall into one of the size and shape catagories, but you will also be either a blonde, brunette, or redhead in varying degrees. Just as line is the all-important factor in making the most of your figure, so color is the most outstanding means of making the most of your hair, eyes, and skin.

TAKE REDHEADS for instance. Lots has been written about their being able to wear red. Can do, but let discretion be the better part of color! Reds and pinks in the darker and paler tones are most suitable. Colors with orange in them are good, too. Blue red? Never! Renie prefers dark blue and black on redheads rather than brown since it's a nicer contrast. If you're the dramatic redhead, dress to your hair by wearing shades as nearly like it as possible.

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BRUNETTES can wear red—but definitely and flatteringly. Generally speaking, Renie doesn't advise browns or beige. There is a certain gray-beige that *we* like for brunettes—it's one of the off-tones like chartreuse, Mexican pink, and lemon yellow that are so good for these dark beauties. And white, unless the skin is too olive, is good.

Make-up can be a great help to you when it comes to wearing clothes properly. When you buy your cosmetics for that gentle art, what you buy depends on whether you want the make-up just to bring out the natural tints in your skin, or whether you want it to harmonize with, or accent a definite costume or accessory color. The so-called fashion make-up makes it possible for you to wear colors that you might have shied away from, and gives your whole appearance a completeness that just a skin-tone make-up sometimes fails to do. It's the dot over the "i" of fashion.

When it comes to mascara, let the color of your hair be your guide whether you're using a skin-tone or a fashion make-up. Black or blue for brunette or gray hair, brown for redheads and blondes.

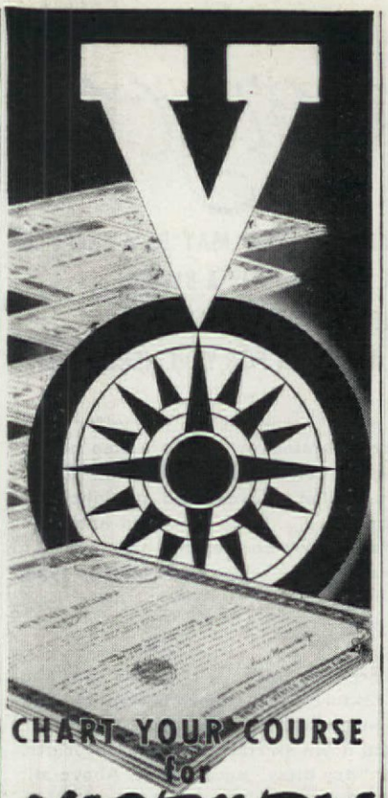


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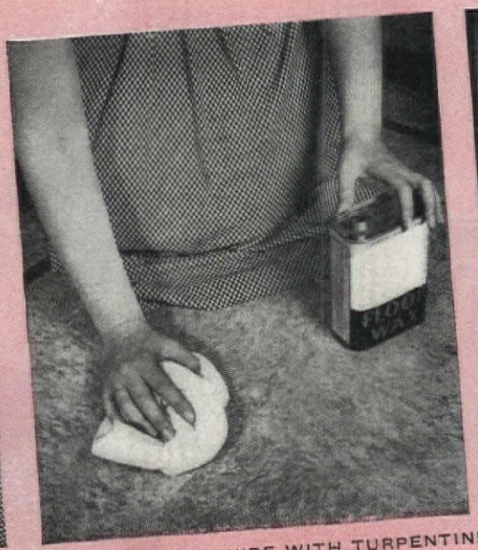
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DO CLEAN: Small braided, chenille, rag, and hooked rugs of the cotton variety in the washing machine or tub. Wash each scatter rug separately in plenty of rich luke-warm suds. Change the suds

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as soon as the water becomes dirty, then follow with two or three rinses in clear tepid water. Squeeze out as much water as possible, or put through a loosely adjusted wringer, and hang straight on parallel lines or dry flat. As the moisture accumulates along the edges, press it out. If there is any doubt as to fastness of color or firmness of texture, the dry suds method described below for wool rugs would be the better procedure to follow.

Wool scatter rugs can be washed by the "dry suds" method with excellent results. Vacuum or shake out surface dust and soil first. Then spread them on a flat surface and scrub in a circular motion with a stiff brush dipped in thickly beaten "dry suds," doing a small area at a time. Rinse thoroughly by wiping with cloths wrung out of clear water and dry flat. Brush when completely dry to bring up the pile. After you have experimented successfully with small rugs, you will find that large room-size rugs also may be cleaned in this way on the floor with good results if you work carefully and follow the directions and the instructions exactly.

Prepare a supply of dry suds sufficient for shampooing a room-size rug, using two cups of shaved soap (shavings dissolve quickly), chips or flakes, in ten cups of water.



WASH SMALL COTTON RUGS, IF COLOR-



FAST, DIRECTLY IN TUB OR WASHER

Place in an open pan over a slow fire until the soap dissolves. Remove the pan from the stove and let the mixture cool. A jelly-like substance will result. Whip to a dry fluff with your electric mixer or an egg beater. Before applying the dry suds, go over the entire rug thoroughly with a vacuum cleaner to remove the

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dust and grit. Group the materials needed for the cleaning—a large basin containing the dry suds, two large pans of cool water, a few clean cloths, a spatula or ruler, and a brush, all placed conveniently at hand on a spread-out newspaper. With the brush, apply the lather to the rug and scrub it with a circular motion just as you did with the smaller rug and remove suds with the ruler. After the suds have been removed wipe with a cloth or sponge wrung out in clear water and repeat with another cloth rinsed in the second pan of water. Then wipe with dry cloth. Suds, wipe, rinse, and dry another area, overlapping the first, and continue in this way over the whole surface until you have covered the entire rug. Finally, brush the nap of the rug in one direction with a dry brush. An electric fan turned on the rug will hasten drying, but if you have done the job properly the spot where you started should feel practically dry to the touch by the time you have covered the whole rug.

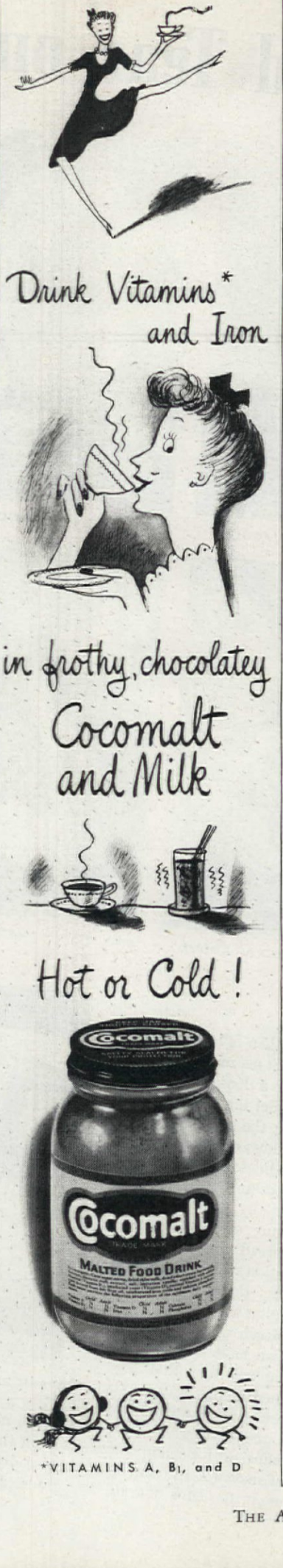
Even floors carpeted from wall-to-wall may be shampooed in this way. Just be sure to be careful about dripping the water from the cloths when wringing them out. If the sudsing is done according to directions, no water will soak through and the shampooing can proceed in an orderly fashion.

Stair carpeting may also be cleaned with dry suds, and it is not necessary to "take up" the stair carpet for the process. Suds, wipe, rinse, and dry, step by step, starting at the top. About once a year, shift the stair carpet so tread will come upon unused portions. If you use your carpet sweeper daily and vacuum carpets weekly, the dry suds treatment will be necessary only occasionally and then will seem well worth the effort.

LINOLEUM

DO: Go over *inlaid linoleum* daily with damp mop. Wipe up spilled water to prevent its seeping under. Wax to preserve. Wash with soap and water *only* after giving this treatment: Mix 2 parts raw linseed oil and 1 part turpentine; apply, let remain for several hours, wipe off with soft cloth and polish. **DON'T:** Use an oil mop, and don't apply either varnish or shellac.

DO: Treat *printed linoleum* like a varnished floor unless, for added protection, you give thin coat of high grade, colorless varnish or lacquer, let dry for several days, and then wax to prevent scratches. Handle as you would a waxed floor. **DON'T:** Worry about slight yellow tinge caused by varnishing.



STAINED or PAINTED FLOORS

DO: Sweep them daily with soft push-broom or *unoiled* dust mop, and launder your mops as often as you do your dust cloths. **DON'T:** Rub too hard or use too much water for the monthly scrubbings; or use soap for your weekly wipes. **TO CLEAN:** Wash enamel paint with clear hot water with 1 teaspoon of soda per gallon; no soap. Wash flat paint with a mild soap, a little at a time; rinse and wipe dry. A thin coat of wax every 4 to 6 months (oftener on the "traffic lanes") helps to curb the wear.

VARNISHED FLOORS

DO: Go over them daily with a dry mop or your broom covered with an outing or canton flannel bag. Wash mop or bag often enough to keep it clean. **DON'T:** Expect a polished floor to remain unmarred and shining under hard use—unless you cover the most used spots with small rugs. **TO CLEAN:** Each week wipe with damp cloth, then rub with dry mop. Each month, wipe with cloth wrung out of solution made by stirring 1 tablespoon of turpentine and 3 of linseed oil into 1 quart of *very hot* water (but *not* over flame); use when cool; remove excess with dry mop.

WAXED FLOORS

DO: Brush with clean, soft-bristled brush, then with dry mop that is kept clean by regular washing. **DON'T:** Use an oil mop; it will dull and soften the wax and cause it to wear away quickly. **TO CLEAN:** Go over floor with cloth or mop moistened with turpentine or kerosene; wax floor when dry.

OILED FLOORS

DO: Use a *clean,* dry, *oilless* mop daily. Wipe up once a week with cloth or mop wrung out of clean warm water. **DON'T:** Use any soap; or oil, except occasionally on spots that receive hardest wear. **OILING:** Is best adapted to close-grained woods. Be sure floor is clean and dry; mix linseed oil and turpentine (3 parts to 1), heat in a pan of hot water and brush on while warm with grain of wood; rub in and wipe off any excess.

TILE FLOORS

DO: Wash with soap and water. If scouring seems absolutely necessary, use a fine, scratchless powder. **DON'T:** Use a coarse abrasive; or let water stand on tiles lest it loosen them. **TO CLEAN:** Remove yellow stains with solution of hydrochloric acid *if* manufacturer's guarantee says tile is acid-proof; otherwise use trisodium phosphate to remove stains that soap and water cannot take care of. Rinse after washing and dry thoroughly.



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Food and Nutrition Editor

Every glamorous item here, except the moon above, is made of nuts! Not often is good nutrition so glamorous, not often is glamor so easy to attain in your home kitchen!

Photographs by F. M. Demarest

WHETHER you live north, south, east, or west, participate in a white or green Christmas, when it's time to gather 'round and crack nuts you'll be participating in a truly American custom. This month's monograph includes the native ones with which we are most familiar—peanuts (really a legume), walnuts, pecans, almonds, and filberts. . . . Before discussing each variety separately, let's consider the whole group of nuts from a nutritional point of view. All nuts are high in fat content and appreciably high in protein content; the carbohydrate content is comparatively low. Pecans have about 70% fat, walnuts and filberts 60% fat, almonds 50% fat, and peanuts about 40% fat. The other nutritional contributions of nuts are minerals and vitamins. Most nuts are rich in phosphorus and have a fair amount of calcium. Walnuts, almonds, and pecans are a rich source of iron. Vitamin A is found in pecans, while the vitamin B complex is present in pecans, peanuts, almonds, walnuts, and filberts. Yes, nuts are important—whether munched or used to display a culinary art!

In practically every State of the Union some kind of nut grows. PEANUTS (sometimes called ground peas, goobers, pinders, or earth nuts) of the jumbo variety thrive in Virginia and North Carolina, while the small, round Spanish variety grows in Georgia, Alabama, Oklahoma, and Texas. When the boll weevil devastated the cotton crop after the first World War, peanuts were grown as a substitute crop. And a wise substitute it was for the Southern planters, because peanuts are nutritionally important as a nut, can be pressed into nut butter, extracted for oil, used for making flour, or the vines used for various by-products. Credit must go to Barnum for introducing roasted peanuts at the circus, and what would a baseball game be without them! The first salted peanuts were sold in 1887, and, at the turn of the century, they made their appearance in candy and the vending machine. About 1890 peanuts were crushed into a butter consistency and the first peanut butter was sold in St. Louis. Ever since, the product has been particularly popular with school children and voted their favorite sandwich filling. Today peanut butter is recommended highly by nutritionists for its valuable fat, protein, and vitamin B content. Government orders have encouraged a high production of peanut

Gather loved ones around your table in this year of war. Let moderate glasses of wine come to such meals as a congenial heartening friend



For extra delicacy of flavor, baste the bird with wine! Use wine that's slightly warmed, mixing about ¾ cup of wine with ¼ cup oil or margarine. Either California Burgundy or Sauterne is excellent. And serve the same wine at table, the Sauterne well chilled, the Burgundy at room temperature

WINE brings holiday dinners a kindly good cheer

THIS YEAR, good cheer means more than ever before. So gather those near to you around your table. And as you share good talk and food, enjoy the friendliness of wine.

When the turkey comes to table, serve moderate glasses of good red Burgundy or golden Sauterne. It's a warm kind of hospitality that your guests will appreciate. And to bring out the fullest savor in main dishes, cook them with wine. For wine complements food naturally, *in* the dish and *with* it. That's worth remembering these days of wartime menus.

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butter, so let the children continue their practice of spreading peanut butter thickly on slices of enriched or whole wheat bread. Nutritionally, it's good eating!

WALNUTS for the commercial market are grown primarily in California. Historically, walnuts originated in Persia, and then were popularized by the English. However, in our country the edible varieties are grown in forty-five counties of California. Any spacious walnut orchard has all ages of trees to assure production each year. Sixteen-year-old trees are full bearing; between six and sixteen years only partial bearing; and under six years are classified as non-bearing. Some orchards in California have productive trees over seventy years old. The utopia in nut culture is to produce a full kernel which will completely fill a shell. The aim is to produce nuts having shells which are easily cracked without injuring the uniformly colored and acceptable kernel.

PECANS come from cultivated, native, or seedling trees. Cultivated trees in orchards (Georgia is a large producing center) feature the papershell variety. It is estimated that ninety per cent of the commercial



Take a nut for a head, crepe paper hat and ruff, and paper cake cup base, and you have a jolly clown holiday table favor. Design by B. Kaufman



She wouldn't rate as a "pin-up gal" but she's very cute as a nut favor. Designed by B. Kaufman

R. Leonhardt, Photograph

pecans come from native or seedling trees that grow wild along creeks, rivers, and lowlands of all Southern states. For this reason, pecans may be truly regarded as a native nut. Pecans add flavor and nutrition value to any dish. . . . FILBERTS, known to many as hazelnuts, are grown for commercial purposes in abundance in the states of Washington and Oregon. However, a great deal of private harvesting is done since the trees grow abundantly in Northern states. . . . ALMOND trees have been growing in California since gold rush days, but only within recent years has the ideal climate enabled commercial production to meet any important competition. The war has shown that native grown almonds are comparable in quality to nuts produced elsewhere. As in all nuts, size of kernel and type of hardness of shell are determined by variety or specie

1½ lbs. peanuts in shell will give 1 lb. of kernels (3 to 3½ cups)
2½ lbs. walnuts in shell will give 1 lb. of halves (4 cups)
2½ lbs. pecans in shell will give 1 lb. of halves (3½ cups)
5½ lbs. almonds in shell will give 1 lb. of kernels (3½ cups)
2¼ lbs. filberts in shell will give 1 lb. of kernels (3½ cups)

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• Christmas cutouts

Preparation time: 30 min.

½ cup butter or margarine
1 cup sugar
2 eggs
1 tbs. milk
½ tsp. vanilla
2½ cups cake flour
2 tsp. baking powder
¼ tsp. salt
½ cup ground filberts

CREAM butter or margarine, add sugar gradually, creaming the while. Add well beaten eggs, milk and vanilla. Sift flour, measure and sift with baking powder and salt Add to first mixture, gradually stirring it in. Chill thoroughly (leave in refrigerator overnight for the best results). Roll out quite thin on a lightly floured board. Cut in fancy Christmas shapes such as, Santa Claus, bells, and stars. Bake in a moderate oven (350° F.) until a delicate brown, about 10 minutes.

Note: These cookies are decorative when iced with different colored frostings. Use your own creative skill in decorating with icing and colored sugar. Best results are obtained if the cookie is covered with confectioner's sugar icing. Allow to harden and then decorate.

Makes about 7 dozen cookies

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• holiday pralines

Preparation time: 20 min.

½ cup brown sugar
¾ cup white sugar
⅔ cup heavy maple syrup
pecans, red skinned peanuts

COOK brown sugar, syrup, and white sugar to soft ball stage (240° F.). Allow to cool slightly (3 min.), then stir until it becomes milky. Drop mixture by spoonfuls over pecans which have been arranged on wax paper. Use about half of the mixture, and to the remaining amount, add ¼ to ½ cup red skinned peanuts. Drop by spoonfuls on wax paper.

Note: Work as quickly as possible in pouring mixture over nuts to prevent its becoming grainy. If mixture should harden, melt it down over boiling water. Sometimes a drop or two of boiling water needs to be added for smoothness and ease in handling.

Makes 18 small pralines

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• almond crescent cookies

Preparation time: 30 min.

1 cup butter or margarine
⅓ cup sugar
1⅔ cups flour
⅔ cup chopped almonds
colored granulated sugar

CREAM butter or margarine (or use half butter and half shortening), add sugar gradually and continue to cream. Then add 1⅔ cups flour, ⅔ cup chopped almonds, and mix until dough is of the consistency to handle. Roll dough between palm of hand to the size of a long pencil. Chill and cut in 2½ inch length. Shape into crescent forms. Bake in a (350° F.) oven for 12 minutes. While hot, roll in colored sugar to give that Christmas effect. Or, bake in thin sticks to vary with crescent shapes.

Makes about 6 doz. cookies

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• starlight cookies

Preparation time: 50 min

6 egg whites
1 lb. confectioner's sugar
⅛ tsp. salt
2 tbs. cinnamon
1 lb. grated almonds

BEAT egg whites until frothy, using Dover egg beater or electri mixer. Add sugar, salt, cinnamon, and beat together for 20 minutes (save 4 tbs of this mixture for icing). Then add almonds to the remainder of the mixture and mix thoroughly. Roll thin on a board, well covered with powdered sugar Cut in small star shapes and cover with icing. Bake in a moderate over (350° F.) about 12 minutes, until slightly brown.

Note: This cookie can be made in advance, for it keeps well if stored in a covered container

Makes about 4 dozen small stars

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• divinity fruit squares

Preparation time: 50 min.

Fruit mixture

1 14 oz. pk. pitted dates
¼ lb. nutmeats
¼ lb. prunes
¼ lb. raisins
1 tsp. grated orange rind
1 tbs. orange juice

PUT dates, nutmeats, prunes and raisins through the meat grinder. Knead orange rind and juice into the mixture. Roll with a rolling pin into three square sheets about ¼ inch thick.

Nougat

1 cup corn syrup
2 cups granulated sugar
⅛ tsp. salt
2 egg whites
⅓ cup water
1 tsp. vanilla
⅓ cup candied cherries cut fine
½ cup chopped almonds

POUR corn syrup into a saucepan, add sugar, salt, and water and boil to (265° F.) hard boil stage. Beat egg whites stiff and pour into candy mixture, beating constantly until mixture is almost as thick as whipped cream. Stir in vanilla, cherries, and nuts. Divide the mixture into three parts. Color one green; one red; and leave one white. Pour each mixture into separate, well oiled square pans to about ⅛ of an inch thickness. Place a thin layer of fruit mixture on nougat, and pour remaining nougat mixture onto each corresponding color. Cool and allow to harden in refrigerator overnight.

Makes 8 doz. pieces. *Tested in* THE AMERICAN HOME KITCHEN

• pecan shorts holly cookies

Preparation time: 35 min.

Pecan shorts

½ cup butter or margarine
¼ cup sifted confectioner's sugar
½ tsp. vanilla
1½ tsp. cold water
1 cup sifted flour
1 cup small pecans

CREAM butter well, add sugar; cream until light and fluffy. Add vanilla, water, flour to butter mixture and stir; add nutmeats and mix thoroughly. Chill in refrigerator for about 2 hours. Shape into small rectangular pieces. Bake in preheated (325° F.) oven for 20 minutes. While cookies are warm, roll in confectioner's sugar.

Makes about 2 doz. cookies

Holly cookies ***Preparation time: 30 min.***

½ cup butter or margarine
1 cup sugar
1 egg
1¾ cup flour
2 tsp. baking powder
1 egg white
cinnamon, sugar
almonds blanched
red hots

CREAM butter well, add sugar gradually, add egg and sifted flour with baking powder. Mix thoroughly and let stand in refrigerator overnight. Next morning roll out dough ⅛ of an inch in thickness, cut in rounds. Brush cookies with egg white; sprinkle with sugar and cinnamon mixture. Blanch and split almonds, color green, and arrange on each cookie. Bake in slow oven (300° F.) for 12 to 15 minutes. Place 3 red hot candies in the center of almonds to resemble sprig of holly.

Makes about 2 doz. cookies *Tested in* THE AMERICAN HOME KITCHEN

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NO need to spend *your* holiday in the kitchen, while everyone else is having fun!

With proper planning and the help of your refrigerator you can avoid the last-minute rush and fuss of holiday meal preparation. Practically your entire dinner . . . turkey and all the trimmings . . . can be prepared in advance and stored in your refrigerator, ready for the range. Here's one such meal and how to get it ready!



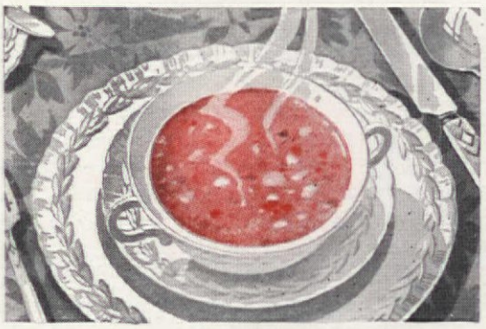
Stuff your turkey the day before!

1. Chill the dressed turkey 3 to 4 hours in refrigerator. *It must be thoroughly chilled inside and out.* 2. Prepare your favorite dressing and chill it separately. 3. Stuff the *chilled* dressing in *chilled* turkey; sew up bird; refrigerate until cooking time. Stuffing in advance not only saves time but gives the various flavors a chance to mingle—and that means a more tasty dressing!

Try these time-saving ideas, too!

IF you want to serve gay-looking appetizers, prepare radish roses, carrot curls, hearts of celery, green pepper sticks and other favorites ahead of time. Your cook book will tell you how to do the fancy work! Cover and chill the entire plate in your refrigerator until just before serving.

OR if you want to serve a salad prepare the greens the night before and keep them in the vegetable pan in your refrigerator. Marinate or add your favorite salad dressing just before serving.



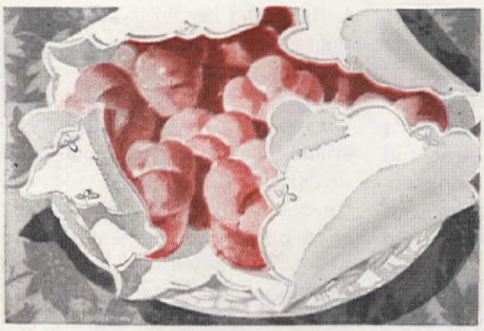
If you want to start with soup, prepare a soup stock in advance, and keep in your refrigerator. (See WARTIME SUGGESTIONS* for excellent recipe). At mealtime add an equal amount of water or vegetable liquors to the soup stock . . . heat and serve!



Dress your turkey a day ahead. Wash it carefully, pat dry, wrap in waxed paper and put in refrigerator. Remove a shelf if necessary! Stuff the bird with your favorite dressing the day before (see suggestion at top of page), and it is ready for the oven!



To add color and tempting tartness to your dinner prepare a mold of cranberry jelly several days ahead and store it covered in your refrigerator. Use individual molds if you prefer. Cranberry sauce can also be prepared and stored in advance.



Grand Refrigerator Rolls are easy to make. Prepare the dough several days in advance—store in refrigerator; cover with waxed paper! Hot biscuits are easy, too, with your refrigerator's help. Just measure and combine all dry ingredients in a bowl ready for liquid to be added the next morning.



Ready for dessert? Top off your meal with a frozen cream, a pudding or pie prepared with the help of your refrigerator. There are dozens of easy-to-make recipes! Get one from your favorite cook book, refrigerator recipe booklet or from Frigidaire's WARTIME SUGGESTIONS* booklet!

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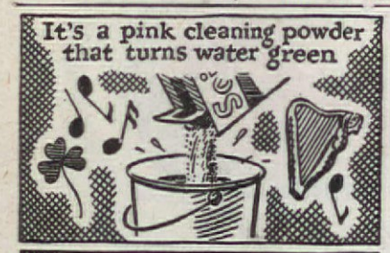
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LOUISE PRICE BELL

WHEN I was a little girl, my activities in the most fascinating room in the house were limited to licking the frosting bowl. So many mothers think cooking is for adults only, or at least should be postponed until their small daughters enter Home Economics class at school. Mothers believe they can bake and brew much quicker than their young offspring. And if they are perfectly honest, they will admit they don't want the small fry underfoot, they don't want to bother, nor spend the time to guide the eager little hands in their culinary efforts! Yet these same mothers will admit that their small daughters are embryo homemakers, that an important part of homemaking is to know how to cook and like it.

Mothers will bend backward for their little girls to have music and dancing lessons yet will completely ignore their child's culinary bent which is likely to be stronger than their musical one. "But music is an art!" these mothers may say. "Cooking is so ordinary, it's just cooking!" Cooking is an art, too! Husbands enjoy hearing Brahms or Beethoven, but—all will agree —not on an empty stomach!

Any sand pile shows what little girls like to do. Witness the long rows of soggy little mud cakes with rock salt icing! The desire to cook is almost as natural to little girls as the desire to play. Little girls (and boys, too) are happy cooks, if allowed to be, and grow up to make expert cooks in later life.

Let your children cook as often as they want to; encourage them all you can. This applies to boys as well as girls. There is nothing a man is prouder of than his skill over the kitchen range. One little boy I know can make a mean waffle, another is an expert at a secret hamburger concoction, a third at baking powder biscuits!

Let the child begin with a simple recipe which will bring assured success. A failure will easily deflate any enthusiasm. If the young daughter is extremely eager to make some certain concoction, better to let her do it, since parent dogmatism shouldn't enter a first cooking lesson. Usually young daughters want to make sandwiches for a tea-party when her friends come to play house, or dessert for the family dinner, or a fancy-looking salad for company.

In our family the first attempt at cooking was with Baked Custard, probably because the young daughter liked it and so did her dad. Baked Custard is a good start for a first cooking lesson because it really is simple to make, delicious, and healthful besides. At first I was hesitant about our small cook trying this recipe since it requires the separation of the yolk and white of egg. When the pleadings became too insistent and company was coming for dinner, I decided that one couldn't learn too young



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to do the "separating act." And it went over with not the slightest dot of yolk sliding into the bowl of whites! The recipe for Fairy Custard is particularly good for young cooks, and you'll be well repaid, mothers, for your patience.

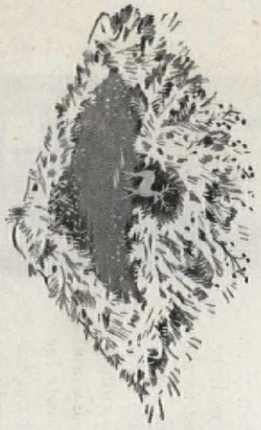
Cupcakes always intrigue young cooks. Our young cook made extra money for her Girl Scout activities by taking orders for *her* cup cakes. The complimentary remarks were valuable reward for culinary training that started at kindergarten age! Recipes are given for Peanut Butter Cupcakes and Chocolate Cupcakes. Both will intrigue the young cooks because both flavors are their favorites. Muffins baked in small paper cups is another sure-fire win.

Here are some suggestions for helping the young cook. Be sure that the kitchen is in perfect order when your child starts to cook. With the kitchen neat and orderly, the young cook will feel that she must leave it just as she found it . . . wash her baking dishes, clean the sink, sweep the floor. You'll find, too, that she will learn to use fewer dishes and utensils and be more careful about spilling.

Attractive cooking utensils intrigue the small fry and make cooking fun. Make sure that the mixing bowls for your little assistant are stout, sound, colorful, but not too heavy or cumbersome for her to manage easily. Supply the young cook with regulation measuring spoons in order to



Ewing Galloway



A glistening centerpiece using mirror and "frosted" evergreens, suggested by E. Howard

insure accurate measurements, and red lettered measuring cups. Don't forget a large apron!

Make sure that your child's cooking adventures are pleasant from beginning to end, no matter what happens. This means no scoldings and no impatient comments. Inconspicuously, do everything possible to insure perfect results for the small cook. It is important that she assume all the responsibility for herself, and your help is to be given only when solicited. The best way to manage this is to assume some task that will keep you in the kitchen, but not in the way. Make sure your presence is desired and be thoroughly nonchalant. If there is a failure at any time, treat it lightly and recall some similar experience of your own. Think of some way the failure may be disguised so that no one except you two conspirators will know about it. A fallen or soggy cake becomes a pudding when served with sauce! However, my experience has proved that the mistakes and failures of young cooks are very few if they are taught to follow their recipes and rules carefully. It depends upon you whether she gets off on the right foot and loves to cook, or whether she becomes discouraged because of lack of understanding.

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• quickie peanut cupcakes

Preparation time: 25 min.

¼ cup peanut butter
⅓ cup butter or margarine
¾ cup brown sugar
½ cup white sugar
2 eggs
¼ tsp. salt
1 tsp. vanilla
¾ cup milk
2½ tsp. baking powder
1½ cups cake flour
½ cup chopped peanuts

CREAM the peanut butter and butter together until soft; add sugar gradually beating until mixture is light and fluffy. Add eggs and continue beating. Sift dry ingredients together, adding alternately with milk to the first mixture. Beat in vanilla and peanuts until mixture is smooth and creamy. Fill well greased muffin pans about ⅔ full and bake in a (375° F.) oven for 20 minutes.

Makes 18 cupcakes ***247 cal. per serving*** ***Source of vitamins A, B complex***

Quickie devil's food cupcakes ***Preparation time: 30 min.***

Prepared devil's food mix
1 cup lukewarm water

MIX prepared devil's food mix with ½ cup lukewarm water; stir smooth and add the remainder of the water beating 2 minutes. Pour the mixture into greased muffin pans and bake in (350° F.) oven for 25 minutes.

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• surprise nut mints

Preparation time: 25 min.

¼ cup sweetened condensed milk
1¼ cup sifted confectioner's sugar
¼ tsp. peppermint,
walnut, or pecan halves
Red and green coloring

COMBINE the condensed milk and enough sugar to make a fondant that can be easily formed into balls. Add peppermint extract to mixture and beat until smooth and creamy. Divide the fondant and color, one part green, and the other red. Then form into balls (½ to ¾ inch in diameter) by dusting palms of hand with powdered sugar and rolling fondant to shape. Put ball on wax paper, and on top of each ball press half a walnut or pecan to flatten into a patty.

Makes 18 mints

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• cinderella scrambled eggs

Preparation time: 20 min.

6 eggs
½ cup milk
¼ tsp. pepper
2 tbs. butter or margarine
½ tsp. salt

BEAT eggs and milk with a Dover egg beater until light and fluffy and season with pepper and salt. Melt 2 tbs. butter in the top of a glass or enamel double boiler; add egg mixture and cook over low flame. Stir at intervals and scrape from bottom and sides of pan. Cook until eggs are of a creamy consistency. Serve hot.

Serves 4 ***175 cal. per serving*** ***Source of vitamins A, B complex***

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• fairy custard

Preparation time: 35 min.

3 tbs. butter or margarine
¼ cup flour
5 tbs. sugar
¼ tsp. salt
1 cup scalded milk
4 eggs separated
1 tsp. vanilla

BEAT egg yolks until thick and lemon colored and mix with sugar and salt. Melt butter, add flour gradually, pour in the hot milk. Bring this mixture to the boiling point and pour over egg yolks. Add flavoring and cool. Then cut and fold in egg whites which have been beaten stiff. Pour into custard cups and place in a pan of hot water in a (375° F.) oven for 20 minutes. Watch them puff up and don't be disappointed when they fall. Truly they are fairy custards.

Serves 6 ***136 cal. per serving*** ***Source of vitamins A, B complex***

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• turkish delight

Preparation time: 40 min.

2 envelopes gelatin
½ cup cold water
2 cups sugar
½ cup hot water
¼ cup orange juice
2 tbs. lemon juice
1 cup chopped peanuts, walnuts, or pecans
¼ tsp. salt
red coloring

HEAT sugar, salt, and hot water to boiling point. Meanwhile mix cold water and gelatin in a bowl and allow to stand for 5 minutes. Then add softened gelatine to hot syrup and stir until dissolved. Boil slowly for 20 minutes. Remove from fire and add orange juice and lemon juice to hot mixture. Add red coloring. Allow to cool. When it begins to thicken, add chopped nuts. Pour mixture into pan (8 x 4 inches) that has been rinsed in cold water. Allow to cool until thick and firm, preferably overnight. With cold wet knife loosen around edges of pan, turn out on a board lightly covered with powdered sugar. Cut in cubes and roll in powdered sugar

Makes about 5 dozen pieces

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• muffet-tuffet muffins

Preparation time: 30 min.

1 pk. ready prepared muffin mix
1½ cups water

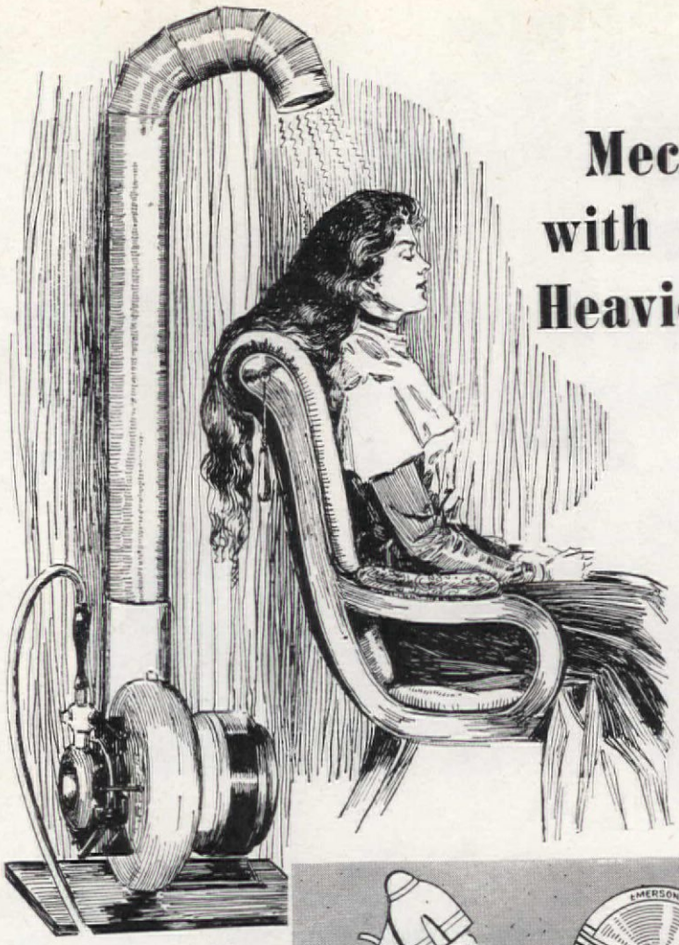
ADD 1½ cups water to the prepared mix, folding in ½ cup at a time. Do not beat or over mix. Batter should be lumpy. Fill greased pans 2/3 full and bake in (400° F.) oven for 20-25 minutes.

Makes 14 large to 24 small muffins

Fancy variations:

1. Before baking, add 1 cup chopped peanuts to the muffin mix. Or sprinkle some peanuts over each muffin before they are baked.
2. Before baking add ½ cup raisins which have been washed in hot water. Or, sprinkle raisins over the top of each muffin before they are baked
3. Put a scant teaspoon of jam or orange marmalade on top of each muffin before baking.

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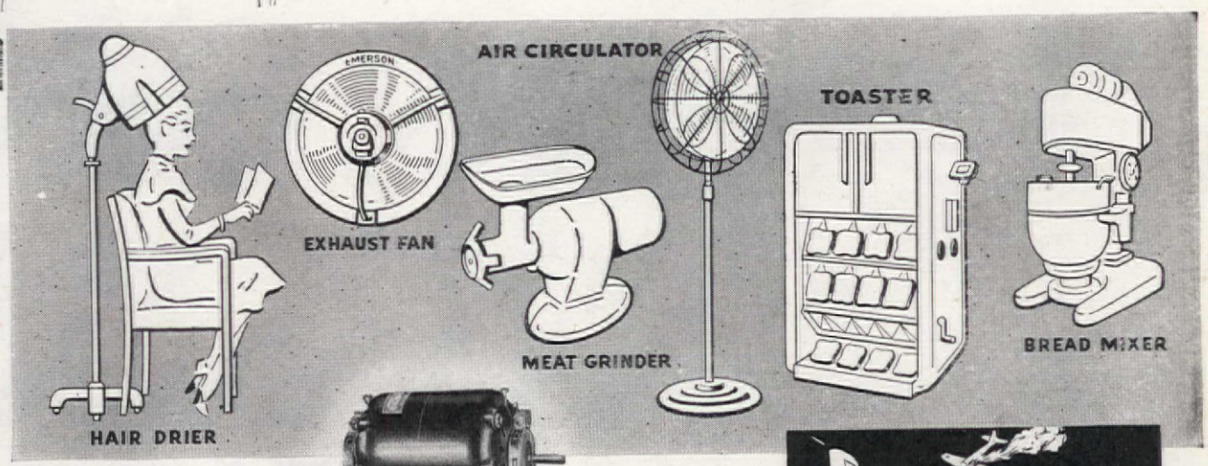


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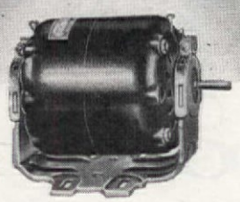
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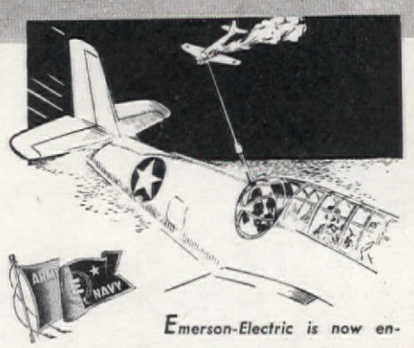
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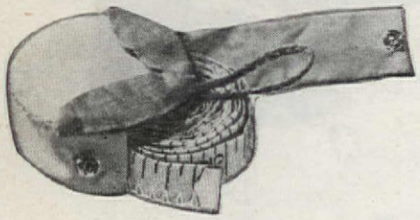
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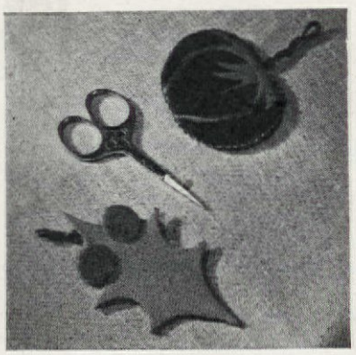
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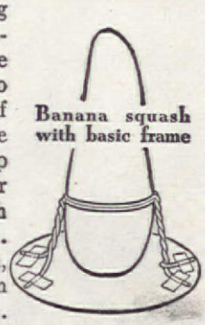
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The body is a strip of red paper about 12 inches deep and 36 inches long. Gather one long end with the sewing machine. Paste gathered edge around underside of cardboard forming a bag. Stuff tissue around the squash, filling out the bag. Gather top around neck, and tie with wire.

The cape is made from a strip of red paper 5 inches wide and 20 inches long. Stitch band of cotton along one long edge. Fold over 2 inches at opposite edge and shirr folded edge over a knitting needle. Slip on to a piece of spool wire long enough to go around neck of squash. Remove needle and tie in place. Cut hair, beard and moustache out of cotton. Make a long tube of red paper (double thickness) to fit over top of the head for the hat. Gather top edges together and tie with spool wire. Bend end down, fasten, trim with cotton.



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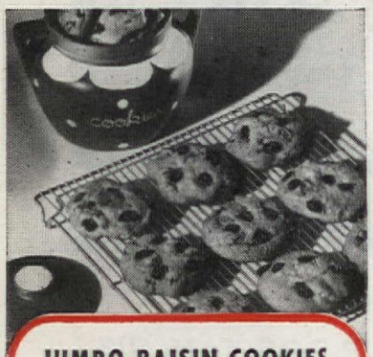
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1½ tsps. cinnamon	4 cups sifted flour
	1 tsp. baking powder

1 cup chopped nuts

Boil raisins and water 5 mins. (There should be ½ cup liquid left.) Cool, add soda. Blend Spry with salt, spices and sugar until fluffy. Add eggs, vanilla, and cooled raisin mixture. Add sifted dry ingredients and nuts. Chill. Drop by spoonfuls on greased and floured baking sheet, and bake in fairly hot oven (400°) 12-15 mins. Makes 6 dozen soft, puffy cookies.





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A-BED FUN

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always greeted with cheers. You might say something like: "Dear Sally, I am sorry you are sick in bed, and I hope you will get well soon." Little cut-out pictures or sketches of a deer, an eye, capital U, R, a picture of a little bed, and so on are pasted in, in place of the words. Let the patient answer it in the same manner as an added attraction. Little boys love to get secret messages. For instance, write a letter that seems very innocent. Pick out a word here and there that put together will say, maybe—"I'm coming to see you tomorrow." Take a piece of paper and cut out openings over these words so that when it is placed over the letter, just that message will be seen by the little patient.

Then there's the jig-saw puzzle cut from a get-well card that can be put together, or the letter written on a bunny shaped piece of paper. Letters cut out of construction paper that spell—"Hi, Sally," or whatever the child's name may be, give lots of enjoyment, and keep the spelling up at the same time. Let the patient see how many words can be made.

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For the between meal snack, there are peanut butter sandwiches cut out in the child's initials, and wrapped up in a fancy package. It's just one way of teasing a lagging appetite back to normal, too.

Putting a silly message in a small envelope, within a larger one, within a still larger one, and so forth will be extremely entertaining to the sick-a-bed youngster.

When you have made all these things, put them in the clown box which you have prepared, attach ribbons for pulling on each one with a brief note as to what's on the other end, like "secret message" for the code letter, "something to eat" for the sandwich. Your own child probably has his or her own favorite things that will lend themselves to this kind of thing. You'll find you don't have to be on deck every minute, and that the patient will make a very speedy recovery.

of paper, fringed and pasted to top rim of the face; the features are cut and pasted on. Or if you want to, draw them on with crayon. Fasten the head unit to the box with tape; cover joining with a pleated paper ruffle. Then fasten the hat in place, and you're all set with a fine spot to put all the other things you make for the patient.

There's the curly-cue letter that's lots of fun for the sick-a-bed youngster to get. Your job is to type or write out a letter which is then cut into strips and pasted on to a roll of passe partout tape. When it's unrolled, there's the message that goes on and on.

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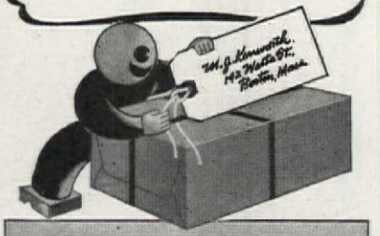
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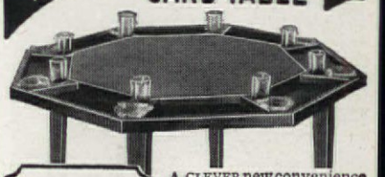
Christmas symbolizes so much to all of us. We become nostalgic immediately when we remember our own childhood Christmas, the excitement of expectancy, then the awe and stillness of the great moment itself when before us was the most beautiful of decorated trees, whether festooned with strings of popcorn or with gleaming tinsel. Let us all make the effort to have this a real Christmas for our children, not one marred with sad memories because some member of the family is away for the time. Yes, it may take courage to smile when the lump comes up in your throat, but do it for the sake of the baby and the man or woman he or she will grow up to be.



BECAUSE Christmas means toys, I am sure you will be excited as I am over some of the available items that you will find in your stores wherever you are. And remember if you can't find any items I mention, just write me, and I will do my best to get the information for you. Of course, I can't do the shopping for you much as I would like to, but at least I can try to answer your queries.

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white polka dots! The eyes and nose are painted with vegetable coloring so baby can put any part of the lamb in his mouth and the doctor won't have to be called!



THERE are other animals . . . a horse, scottie, or a snooty spaniel, or an austere elephant. I was surprised to learn that sometimes mothers allow their own fears or prejudices to influence their selection of animals. If mother doesn't like a horse, then no stuffed horse for the baby! Needless to say, such judgment implants a fear in the baby, too, which will later cause a problem. Let's be broad minded about the subject, and if John wants a stuffed horse and you think the lamb is cuter, get the horse.



ABOVE all, toys for babies should be washable and should be constructed of materials which will stand punishment. Inquire about paints or colorings that are used to be sure they are child-safe. Babies like to hear sounds, and that is why rattles are always good for the very young. They like to watch things move. Another vote for the rattle! Their chubby little hands should grasp any toy easily and naturally. The toy should be light enough for baby to lift.



THE routine of feeding and sleeping should be carried on the same whether holiday or an ordinary weekday. If the schedule is interrupted with holiday excitement and relatives, then don't be too surprised if your baby, who ordinarily is sweet and docile, decides to be upset and cranky. The only way baby will know it is Christmas is through the array of new toys and the confusion of visitors. But otherwise, for the healthy, modern baby, Christmas should be serene and carry through the routine of any other day. Such sereneness and peace will give a feeling of security and safety to the child that everything is all right in the world, that there really is peace on our earth. Merry Christmas!

Aunt Sue



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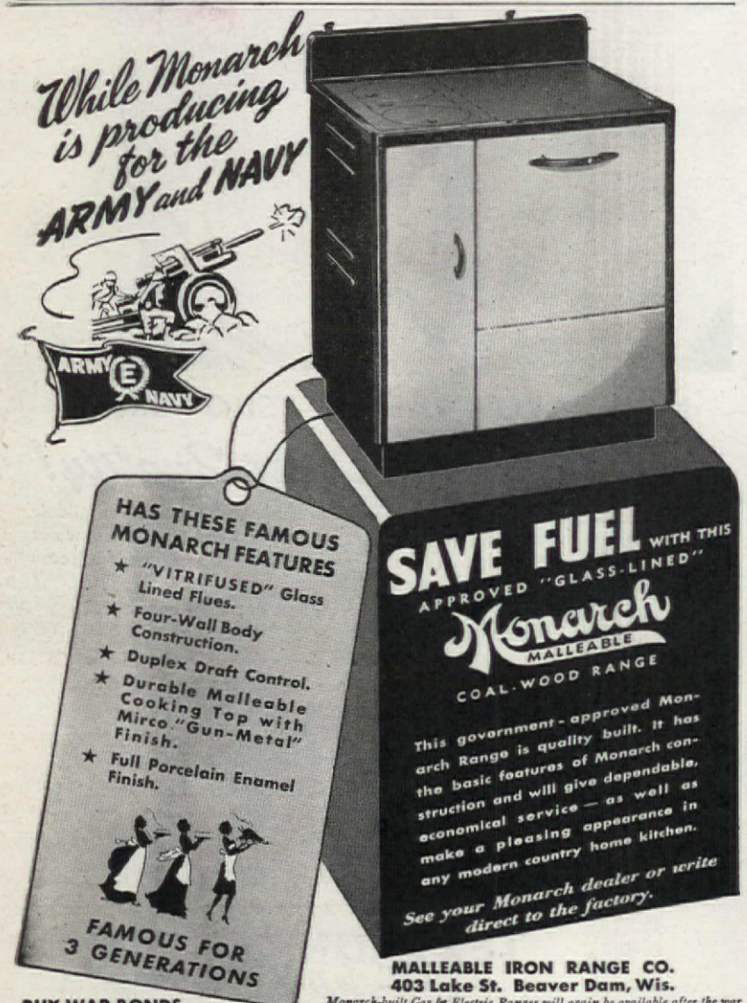
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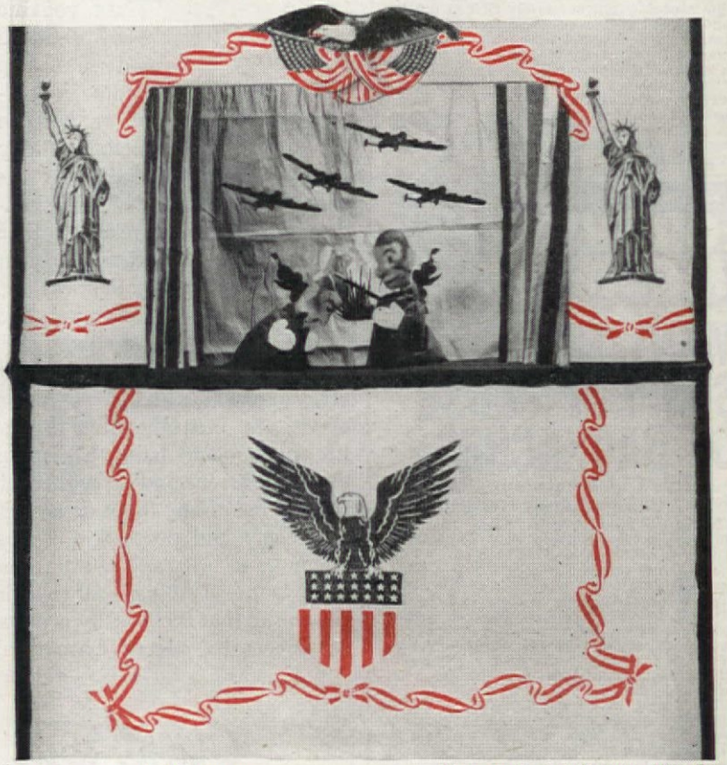
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Certainly this is not a Christmas to give frivolous gifts. Keep the Christmas spirit high for the youngsters, but for grownups—be sensible. The war is not over but we know we're well on our way to victory—the best way to celebrate is to *buy more War Bonds*. Other gifts should be *practical,* too. But practical gifts can be *gay*. Martex Towels—like these, for instance—they'll be cherished for their loveliness and at the same time will give years of useful service because they're made with the plied yarn underweave to assure long wear. You'll find Martex bath and dish towels at better department stores and linen shops.

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Meat for the Holidays

Plan your menus around these recipes from Armour's famous kitchens

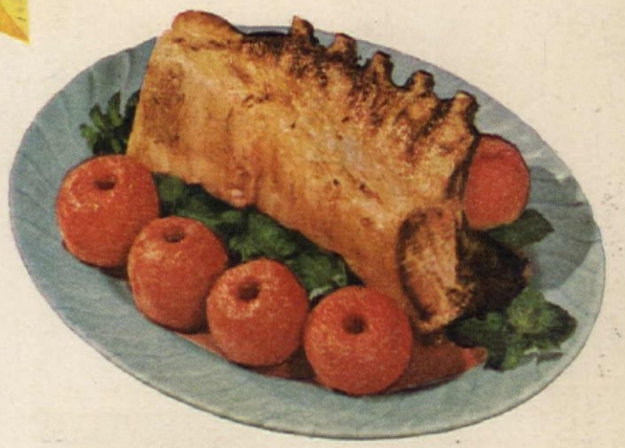
All of us are mighty glad that our servicemen are getting first choice of America's food supplies for their holiday dinners. Yet there will still be meat for us at home. So invite your family and friends to gather 'round . . . and follow the suggestions given here.

Of course, if you can, you will want to have a traditional turkey dinner for one of the holidays. But you'll find the roast pork equally festive, prepared according to the recipe featured on this page. And for informal parties and suppers, serve the new Star ham and cheese burgers.

These recipes promise delicious good-eating! They were developed and tested in Armour kitchens by food economists who specialize in meat cookery.

And here's another tip for making your parties a success: When selecting meat, ask for Armour's Star . . . when choosing poultry, ask for Cloverbloom. That's the way to be sure of getting the finest quality . . . the greatest enjoyment from your meat points!

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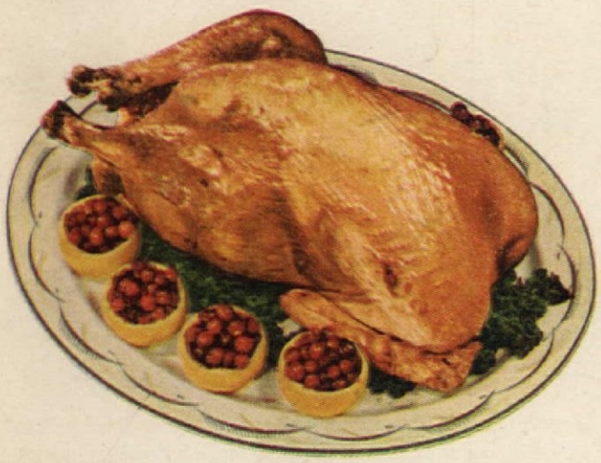
For New Year's Dinner . . . Roast Pork Loin

4 lbs. loin roast of pork
6 medium sized apples
2 sticks cinnamon
2 cups sugar
1 cup water
Red fruit coloring

Have meat man saw backbone of roast so that it is nearly free of the roast. Place roast, fat side up, in open roasting pan, rub with salt and pepper, and roast in 350° F. oven for 30 minutes per lb. or until a meat thermometer, placed in center of roast, registers 185° F.

To prepare apples, peel and core. Let cinnamon sticks cook with sugar and water for 3 or 4 minutes. Add enough red fruit coloring to make a clear red color. Simmer apples in syrup very slowly until clear. Let cool in syrup or serve hot. Garnish roast with crisp greens.

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Clean turkey carefully, removing all pin feathers. Wash, dry and rub inside body cavity with salt. Stuff, truss and rub all over with melted butter, margarine or other fat. Turn breast down on rack in open roasting pan and roast in 325° F. oven as follows:

6-10 lb. stuffed wt.—3 to 3½ hours or 20-25 minutes per pound

10-16 lb. stuffed wt.—3½ to 4½ hours or 18-20 minutes per pound

16-25 lb. stuffed wt.—4½ to 6 hours or 16-18 minutes per pound

When half done, turn breast up to finish baking.

Stuffing for 12 lb. bird:

3 quarts of lightly toasted bread cubes
¾ cup melted butter or margarine
½ cup chopped onion
2 tbsps. salt
½ tsp. pepper
1 tsp. poultry seasoning
1 tbsp. chopped parsley
Hot water

Cook onion in butter until clear. Pour over bread. Add seasonings and parsley and enough hot water or stock to very lightly moisten the dressing. Celery, oysters, sage or other desired addition may be used with the dressing. Pack dressing lightly into bird.

Place turkey in center of platter and surround with orange cups filled with cranberry sauce. Orange cups are made by cutting oranges in half and scooping out center.



For Buffet Supper . . . Star Ham and Cheese Burgers

4 thin slices cooked Star Ham, which is ⅓ to ½ lb. (Boiled ham may be used as well as slices from a cooked Star Ham)
4 round buns

Rarebit Sauce Ingredients

2 tbsps. Cloverbloom Butter or Margarine
¼ tsp. salt
3 tbsps. flour
⅛ tsp. pepper
⅛ tsp. dry mustard
¾ tsp. Worcestershire Sauce
1 cup milk
¾ lb. or 1 cup grated Cloverbloom Cheese

To make the sauce, melt butter, add flour and blend. Add salt, pepper, dry mustard, and Worcestershire Sauce. Add milk gradually and cook over low heat until thick, stirring constantly. Add cheese and stir vigorously until the cheese is melted. Spread the buns with butter and then toast buns under broiler flame. Pour some of the rarebit sauce over buns and place slices of fried ham on top. Pour additional sauce over ham. This recipe makes 4 generous servings.

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